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U.S. top report urges AWACS for Kingdom

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 — The highly influential Washington think-tank, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, has released a confidential report to key members of Congress recommending the AWACS defense package sale to Saudi Arabia.

The report, which was shown exclusively to *Arab News*, assesses the views of U.S. and Saudi intelligence officials that the AWACS radar planes and F-15 enhancement package are necessary to show the Kingdom's adversaries "that they cannot overfly Saudi Arabian airspace with impunity and without high risk of losing some of their aircraft."

The report bluntly states Saudi Arabia could not "compete with regional military powers or check any Soviet military action" based on its current military strength. "However, Saudi Arabia has the capacity to develop a small, effective air force that can see the most advanced aircraft to provide both air and ground defense and which can deter limited external threats by making such aggressions costly."

The executive summary of the 87-page CSIS report continues, "such a capability would build Saudi Arabia's prestige and regional political leadership and would provide or limited military assistance to other Gulf states to deal with threats."

Sources close to U.S. government said the report was used for reference in testimony by former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Robert Neumann. Neumann testified to a House Subcommittee last week that the defense package is necessary to help Saudi Arabia's security.

The CSIS report stresses the AWACS package's importance from an economic standpoint as well as from the usual political-military standpoint. "As a result of the enormous influx of capital from oil exports, the Kingdom has become a principal factor in international finance. In addition to articulating the linkage between responsible oil pricing policies and international economic growth and stability, Saudi leaders have made tangible and significant contributions to international financial institutions, have provided important help to the strength of the (U.S.) dollar, and have aided Western countries in liquidity crises."

The significance of the CSIS report is that its information and assessments are made based on intelligence data and independent investigations. The CSIS is a division of Washington's Georgetown University, which gives the report a degree of credibility which cannot be claimed by the traditional lobbying groups that supply information to the U.S. Congress and other government decision-making bodies. Thus, the CSIS report is expected to carry additional influence — particularly in the U.S. Senate — in helping the \$8.5 billion AWACS package pass with Congressional approval.



NEW PRESIDENT: Iraq's Ismat Kittani (center) smiles as he takes his place Wednesday as president of the 36th session of the General Assembly. For the first time in 29 years the assembly elected its president when the Asian group, whose turn it was to pick a candidate, failed to reach agreement. At left is U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and at right is Under Secretary William Buffum.

Iraqi is U.N. president

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Ismat Kittani an Iraqi diplomat was elected Tuesday as president of the 36th session of the U.N. General Assembly. His surprise election came after a 73-73 tie with Bangladeshi Ambassador Kwaja Muhammad Kaiser had to be broken by a drawing of lots.

Outgoing Assembly President Baron Ruediger von Wechmar of West Germany, pulled Kittani's name out of a ballot box following the second-ballot tie in the first contested assembly election in 19 years. On the initial ballot, Kittani received 64 votes, Kaiser 46 and Ambassador Tommy Kop of Singapore 40. Since no candidate received a majority of the 150 votes cast, a second ballot became necessary pitting the two top candidates against each other.

This year, it was Asia's turn to preside over the 155-nation assembly under a system of rotating the job among regional groups. Kittani became the first Arab to hold the General Assembly post since Lebanon's Charles Malik in 1958.

While the balloting was secret, the United States and its Western allies were believed to have supported Kaiser because of Iraq's year-old war with Iran and its hardline stance against Israel. Iraqi diplomats have said that Kittani would temporarily yield the president's chair if the Arabs were to challenge Israel's right to sit in the assembly.

As an undersecretary in Iraqi Foreign Ministry, Kittani was part of his country's delegation that in June negotiated a Security Council resolution with the United States that strongly condemned Israel's bombing raid on an Iraqi nuclear research center outside Baghdad. Kittani, a high school teacher-turned diplomat, has been associated with the United Nations for nearly a quarter of a century. After joining the Iraqi Foreign Ministry in 1952 and serving three years as an attaché in Egypt, he was assigned to Iraq's U.N. delegation in 1957, serving both in New York and in Geneva until 1964.

He joined the U.N. Secretariat in 1964 and was assistant U.N. secretary-general under Kurt Waldheim from 1973 to 1975. For the next five years, he headed the department of international organizations and conferences in Iraq's Foreign Ministry.

In his acceptance speech, Kittani pledged he would be guided by the noble principles of the United Nations. The Iraqi diplomat said the world body did not need more resolutions on the rights of the Palestinian people or on South Africa's illegal occupation of South-West Africa, also known as Namibia. Rather, he said, the international community should implement past resolutions.

Muslims, Arabs condemn alliance

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — The 40-member Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), the Palestine Liberation Organization and five Arab states Wednesday condemned the strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel and said this would encourage other countries to seek bases in the Middle East and endanger peace in the area.

The Jeddah-based OIC said in a statement "... Making Israel an American strategic base in the Middle East will turn the Middle East into a battle ground for Eastern and Western blocs."

The OIC statement Wednesday issued by Secretary-General Habib Chatti, said the cooperation accord would "encourage Israel's intransigence to expand in Arab lands and block the road to peace."

It blamed continued American support for Israeli military attacks against Iraq's nuclear research center and Lebanon earlier this year. "The world was expecting from Washington a decision that will stop Israel's defiance in order to preserve peace and stability in the region, protect world security and heed the feelings of Arab and Islamic states, which no longer tolerate this American alliance with Israel against them," it said.

"But the American response to this was an American escalation that transformed Israel into an ally and partner of the U.S. in a world strategy," the OIC statement warned that "continued U.S. support for Israel... will make Arab and Islamic states wonder how their relations would be in future with a superpower that has aligned itself with an enemy in a state of war with the countries of the region..." A number of Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia and Syria, have condemned the U.S.-Israeli agreement.

The Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat has called on the Arab world to use every possible weapon, including an oil embargo to "respond effectively to the danger which threatens its future, its civilization and its existence." In an interview published Wednesday in the Algerian daily *El Moudjahid*, Arafat, who has just made a brief visit to Algiers for talks with President Chadli Benjedid, called the recent strategic cooperation agreement between the United States and Israel "a threat to the whole Arab nation."

The agreement makes Israel "an unconditional ally and a gigantic storehouse of weapons," Arafat said. "It is a threat not only to the Palestinian revolution but the whole Arab nation and its succeeding generations." On the use of the "oil weapon" by Arab producer countries, Arafat said it was a question of what strategy was appropriate under the circumstances. "Are the Arabs really aware of the need to use this weapon? Do we still have it or have we lost it," he asked.

The Arab world must use not only oil but its other wealth to respond to the danger threatening it, Arafat said. "We must use our weapons in the commercial and economic fields, parallel with our human and military strength." Arafat said the next Arab summit in Rabat in November would also consider "clearly and objectively" the peace plan for the Middle East proposed recently by Crown Prince Fahd so that Arabs could agree on a common position.

The peace plan, which calls for a Jordan West Bank Palestinian state but implies the right of Israel to exist within its pre-1967 truce lines, was "a first positive step to a fair and global solution of the Middle East problem," Arafat said.

He stressed the need for vigilance, however. "We have detected attempts international as well as internal to force us to declare an official definitive position on the question before the Fahd plan has been debated by the Rabat summit," Arafat said.

In Amman, official sources said the Kingdom of Jordan, once Washington's best Arab friend, has attacked the latest renewed ties between the United States and Israel. Jordanian Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh said the alliance between Washington and the Zionist state is a "roadblock to peace."

They said the information minister told a group from the British Council of Churches Tuesday that U.S. military support of Israel allows Israel to "stretch its hostile policy against the people of this region."

Near Rhein-Main Air Base Anti-U.S. bombs defused

FRANKFURT, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Police defused two home-made bombs less than half a mile from a U.S. Air Force base Wednesday and the Red Army faction claimed responsibility for the assassination attempt on the U.S. Army Commander in Europe Tuesday. U.S. officials said two fire extinguishers were found Wednesday morning on railroad tracks near Rhein-Main Air Base, a major transit point for U.S. forces in West Germany.

"It's our understanding they were about 750 yards from the base perimeter," a base spokesman said. Traffic was blocked along the rail line and a nearby highway while police defused the bomb, he added. The discovery of the two six-kg devices came 24 hours after a grenade and gun attack in Heidelberg on Gen. Frederick Kroesen, commander of U.S. forces in Europe. The explosives, packed into fire extinguisher cases and primed with a timing device, were planted 200 meters down a spur line used for military deliveries to the air base.

The spur line is used exclusively for transporting supplies to the Rhein-Main base, a spokesman said. "The bombs would have blown up a train if they had gone off as it passed," he said. Police experts were still analyzing the explosives used in the devices.

The Red Army faction Wednesday claimed responsibility for an assassination attempt on Gen. Kroesen's car in letters to Agence France-Presse and several other news organizations. The attack was the 11th this year against U.S. targets in West Germany.

The Rhein-Main Air Base is the main base for military air traffic between the U.S. and Western Europe, and is a jumping off point for flights to the Middle East. The base is built to accommodate the C-5 Galaxy and C-141 Starlifter transport planes of the U.S. Military Airlift Command. About 50 of the 600 planes are based and take off daily at Frankfurt's civil airport are U.S. military aircraft. Stringent security measures were strengthened after the bombs were found, a spokesman for the Frankfurt airport said.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger said the American government feels very concerned over the assassination attempt against the U.S. commander in Europe and over the fact that "it looks like a bit of a pattern."

Weinberger made the statement when asked on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" if he and other officials were concerned that Tuesday's assassination attempt was part of a pattern. "We have to be very concerned about it," said Weinberger, "because it... is developing into what looks like a bit of a pattern. I know the German government is very concerned about it and we are taking all the steps we can to insure the safety and security of our people there."

The incident, he added, "has to be viewed very seriously indeed. It seems to be part of a worldwide attempt to discourage any kind of defense of freedom." He said the United States, in the wake of the attempt, is stepping up "personal security" and insuring "that only authorized people are on the posts."

Egypt expelling 243 Soviets

CAIRO, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — A total of 243 Soviet diplomats, military men, journalists and civilian experts are being expelled from Egypt under orders by President Anwar Sadat, sources here said Wednesday.

Heading the list is Soviet ambassador to Cairo Vladimir Poliakov, portrayed by the Egyptian press as the "brain" behind a Communist conspiracy against the regime. Poliakov and six other diplomats were Tuesday given 48 hours to leave Egypt. The others were the three embassy first secretaries, Igor Petrakov, Anatoli Pisenovyi and Valery Vlasova, two second secretaries, Alexei Chistiakov and Yuri Shebanova, and a third secretary, Assel Syzdykov.

Closure of the "military office" will cause the departure of 18 Soviet officers, including, according to the daily *Al-Ahram*, a KGB agent. Two Soviet pressmen expelled some months ago, correspondents of *New Times* are now to be followed by two others: Shamil Mussirpashaev, one of four Tass correspondents, and Constantin Kapitonov, correspondent of the workers' journal *Trud*.

Meanwhile, the Soviet press, which has denied Russian links with an alleged anti-government plot in Egypt, remained silent Tuesday on Egypt's order expelling Moscow's ambassador to Cairo. Tass, however, has denied allegations of Soviet involvement in a plot against Sadat.

"With this absurd fabrication, the Egyptian secret police is trying to justify somehow the current repressions against national patriotic forces and religious leaders," Tass said, blaming the unrest on the Camp David peace treaty reached between Egypt and Israel with U.S. mediation.

Relation between Cairo and Moscow have been rocky since Sadat, in July 1972, ordered the withdrawal of an estimated 19,000 Soviet military personnel and advisers sent to Egypt under his predecessor, Gamal Abdul Nasser, who died in 1970.

Women may leave impotent men, India court rules

NEW DELHI, Sept. 16 (AFP) — India's highest court has ruled that a married woman can refuse to live with her husband and have recourse to full support payments if he is impotent. "Where it is proved to the satisfaction of the court that a husband is impotent and unable to discharge his marital obligation, this would amount to both legal and mental contemplated cruelty", the supreme court said.

It issued the ruling in upholding a lower court decision that granted the wife of an impotent man the right to alimony after she filed a petition charging that she had been neglected by her husband.

The case went contrary to the normal practice in India where the majority of separated husbands do not pay any support to their wives, and was hailed by women's groups fighting for rights in a male-dominated society.

"To have sexual pleasure is not the exclusive right to men... We have equal rights and the supreme court judgment has brought that point home very clearly", a woman activist said.

Liberals endorse tie-up with SDP

LLANDUDNO, Wales, Sept. 16 (AP) — A fundamental realignment of British politics was forged Wednesday when delegates at the annual Liberal Party conference voted overwhelmingly for an electoral alliance with Britain's new, middle-road Social Democratic Party.

On a show of hands, only about two-dozen of the 1,700 Liberal delegates opposed the motion. The alliance is a direct challenge to the two major parties which have ruled Britain for the past 60 years — the Conservatives, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's party, and the main opposition Labor Party.

Opinion polls indicated that if an election were held now, a Social Democratic-Liberal alliance could win more votes than either the Conservatives or Labor. However, an election is not due until the spring of 1984 when Mrs. Thatcher's five-year term expires and she has more than two years to improve her popularity and tackle the country's unemployment, inflation and industrial problems.

The Social Democrats are the first major political party to emerge in this country since 1900 when the Labor movement was born. The SDP founded last March 26 by four disillusioned, ex-Labor cabinet members who felt their old party was moving too radically to the left: Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams, David Owen and William Rodgers.

The SDP now has 16 members in the House of Commons — 15 Labor renegades and one former Conservative — and the Liberals have 11 seats. If the latest opinion polls are correct, however, they could win the next election.

In the debate preceding the vote on an electoral alliance, one Liberal official, William Wallace, told delegates: "This is the best opportunity we have faced in our lifetimes to promote liberalism and we cannot afford to let it pass by."

The Liberal Party has its roots in the 18th century and ruled for most of the second half of the 19th century and the start of the 20th under prime ministers such as William Gladstone, Herbert Asquith and David Lloyd-George. Despite periodic hopes of revival, it has been largely powerless for the past six decades.

Some Liberals opposed voting on an alliance during the annual Liberal Party convention in this north Wales seaside resort. But their motion calling for a special conference to decide on an SDP pact was defeated.

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Islamic states urged to break ties with Kabul

MWL studies Muslim minority issue

MAKKAH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — The Muslim World League Constituent Council's committees Wednesday resumed their meetings which began here Sunday.

MWL Assistant Secretary General Safwat Al-Saqa said one of the committee's important recommendations was a call for finding a draft rule for each of the Turkish Muslim and Greek communities in special matters and political and foreign affairs to be dealt with by a united government.

On Lebanon, the committee called for closer Palestinian-Lebanese ties and exposing Israel's expansionist designs to the world opinion. It also urged the closing of Arab differences and the establishment of a Daw'a (call to Islam) college in Lebanon. Saqqa said.

During its Tuesday night session, the MWL Constituent Council extended an invitation to Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat to attend the ongoing meetings here.

On the issue of Cambodia, the political committee called on the Cambodian government to allow immigrants to return to their homeland and exercise their rights including the freedom to practice Islamic

rites. The committee reviewed a report on the MWL's general secretariat efforts on the issue.

The Muslim minority issue in Vietnam was also discussed seriously because of the deteriorating conditions of Muslims in that country. Saqqa said. He added that the committee recommended formation of a special panel to study Vietnamese Muslims' conditions. It urged sending of a number of Muslim propagators and providing urgent aid from Islamic countries.

On Chad, the committee approved a report by the MWL general secretariat and called for the resumption of assistance which was stopped because of regional differences in that country.

Meanwhile, Saqqa said that the Constituent Council has urged Islamic countries to follow the example set by Saudi Arabia in breaking diplomatic ties with the Communist regime in Kabul.

He added that the council appealed to the Islamic countries to adopt a unified stand against the Soviet Union in the light of its invasion of Afghanistan which has been condemned by the entire world.

Saqqa said that the council's political committee discussed the cause of Muslim minorities in the Philippines and Burma and

also of the Fatans. It recommended that Islamic and friendly governments having good relations with the government of President Ferdinand Marcos urge the latter to stop treating the Muslim minority unjustly and allow the Muslims to exercise their right to pray in peace and security, away from terrorism and missionary pressure. The committee also recommended that a genuine effort be exerted to unify the various Muslim factions in the Philippines to enable them obtain their legitimate rights.

In the meantime, the cultural committee reviewed the resolutions and recommendations of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. It discussed, among other things, the creation of an Islamic Court of Justice and an Islamic Jurisprudence Academy as well as the program of celebrations to mark the advent of the 15th Hijra century.

Saqqa said that the League will advise Muslims all over the world, through their respective information media, to report on any printing mistake in certain copies of the Holy Quran. Such copies will be immediately confiscated to preserve the authenticity of the Holy Book which is the prime source of legislation for all Muslims.

Khaled greets Mexican leader

TAIF, Sept. 16 (SPA) — King Khaled Wednesday cabled his congratulations to President Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico on the national day of his country.

In his cable, the King expressed best wishes for the enduring health and happiness of the Mexican leader and continuous progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Mexico.

Guard soldiers to serve pilgrims

RIYADH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — More than 2,200 officers, military cadets and soldiers from the National Guard's military schools will take part in this year's pilgrimage to serve pilgrims, officials reported Wednesday.

Col. Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz Al-Sulaiman, commander of the guard's military and technical schools, said this year's force from the schools incorporates civilian technicians, doctors, pharmacists, guides and other specialists. The force's task will be to contribute in preserving security, regulating traffic and guiding pilgrims in addition to participation in the National Guard's medical units in Mina.

SR63.9m worth of contracts let

RIYADH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwaiter signed nine contracts Wednesday at a total cost of SR63.9 million. The contracts, awarded to national companies, provide for the construction of nine modern primary and intermediate schools in several parts of the Kingdom.

The projects are to be completed within a period of 12 to 18 months. They include three intermediate schools in Abha region and two in Najran. Each school will have 18 classes. A similar intermediate school will be built in Sudair. The remaining three will be primary schools consisting of 12 classes each. They will be built in the Sudair area.

The above projects come under the Education Ministry's program to provide modern buildings for schools across the Kingdom.

In another development, Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, signed Wednesday a SR26.3-million contract with a national company for the construction of the first phase of the assistant technicians institute building in Riyadh. Work is expected to be completed on the project within 24 months.

Prince Miteb also signed a SR1.2-million contract with a consulting firm for making preliminary and final designs for the water distribution project in Jubail.

Unified Arab legislation discussed

TAIF, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al-Sheikh met Wednesday with Muhammad Al-Shaddadi, secretary general of Arab justice ministers' council, who is currently visiting the Kingdom.

Shaddadi said his visit to the Kingdom is part of a tour which includes several Arab countries, with the aim of preparing for the upcoming conference of Arab justice ministers. He was briefed on Sheikh Ibrahim's views on the preparations for the conference which should be based in a scientific and technical way to achieve full success. Shaddadi added.

He said that during his meeting with the minister they reviewed several issues pertaining to the council's activities and its general secretariat's programs to implement the council's resolutions. Shaddadi briefed Sheikh Ibrahim on steps taken to unify Arab legislations which aim at providing a solid base for a uniform Arab legislation oriented by the Sharia principles.

The secretary general also briefed the minister on proceedings carried out by the general secretariat for the Arab legal and judicial research center. Shaddadi hailed the Saudi Arabian minister's support for the council.

Sultan inaugurates hospital

KHAMIS MUSHAYT, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, who is on an inspection tour of the Southern Region's military units and installations, dedicated Wednesday the Armed Forces' new hospital here.

Prince Sultan, who was accompanied by Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal and Prince Khaled bin Fahd bin Khaled, inspected various sections of the hospital. He was received by Gen. Muhammad Sabri, air force commander, and Maj. Gen. Yusuf Al-Rashed, commander of the Southern Region.

The 110-bed hospital has auxiliary buildings for primary clinics, services and medical storehouses in addition to the personnel housing. It has advanced electronic equipment with four operation theaters, besides a minor operations room and a maternity ward.

The defense and aviation minister also visited the infantry corps school where he was briefed on activities and training courses for armed forces personnel. He witnessed training and study classes, soldiers' accommoda-

tion and the mosque. He then dedicated the base's new supplies and catering building.

Prince Sultan attended a luncheon given by King Khaled Armored Brigade. He was received by Col. Saad Ahmed Zahrani, commander of the brigade. Col. Zahrani hailed the government's care given to the armed forces. In a statement welcoming Prince Sultan, he stressed the importance of training which, he said, was the vital stage in defending the country and deterring any aggressor.

Addressing members of the brigade, Prince Sultan said that the armed forces are ready to carry out their duty when time comes. "As I had said before, what has been taken by force will only be regained by force," he told them. "You are a force to defend the right and prevent the wrong. You are not a force that poses threat or destruction to the Islamic or Arab nation," Prince Sultan said.

Later he visited the Third Battalion premises and King Khaled Brigade's command

Qasim road projects ready

BURAIDAH, Sept. 16 — Three road projects in Qasim will soon be commissioned after a tender has been invited. They are the Riyadh/Sabookh/Qasim expressway; the Qubbah/Abaduh road; and the Unaizah Al-Rawda/Wadi Jinah road, according to Qasim Governor Prince Abdul Ilah bin Abdul Aziz.

In a statement to *Al-Riyadh* Wednesday, the prince also said that roads costing SR122 million are under construction in the area. They include the 22.5-km. dual carriage road at West Buraidah; (SR26 million); the 22.8-km. Muhair Al-Termess road (SR11.4 million); the 13-km. Al-Nabhaneyah road (SR23.9 million); the 40-km. Al-Ross/Al-Qareen road (SR40.4 million); and Al-Shaqah intersection (SR20 million). The prince Tuesday received two reports from the

area's road and education departments on their respective projects.

Meanwhile, the Communications Ministry has asked a consultancy firm to study the area's road network in a comprehensive manner and to determine the need for expressways. The Road Department report also dealt with the SR4-million regular maintenance project for 1982 and the SR18-million preventive maintenance project for 1981.

Prince Abdul Ilah said that funds have been earmarked for 70 educational projects in the area during 1981-82. They include the creation of 22 primary, intermediate and secondary schools. Contracts have already been awarded for the construction of 11 public school buildings. Sites for seven other schools will soon be handed over to the contractors. Tenders have been invited for nine schools.

Civil servants to avail longest leave

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 — Saudi Arabian civil servants will enjoy the longest-ever Eid-ul-Adha vacation this year, *Al-Medina* reported Wednesday. They will be granted 18 days instead of the usual nine days, with the vacation starting Sept. 30.

Explaining the reasons for doubling the leave, a spokesman for the Civil Service Board said that one article in the board's new statute stipulates that if the vacation starts on a Sunday, civil servants don't have to come to work on Saturday which will be considered a day off for its being the first day of the week. Similarly, if the vacation ends on a Wednesday, the officials will not have to report for duty on that day for its being the last day of week. (Thursday and Friday are official days off in Saudi Arabia).

The spokesman said that, incidentally, this

year the vacation will start on a Wednesday and will end on a Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Meanwhile, for the first time in Saudi Arabia's history, Saudi Arabian women will be allowed to complete for professional medical posts. Sheikh Turki Al-Sudairi, board president, has agreed that Saudi women fill these posts.

Official to see hajj sites

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 (SPA) — Public Security Chief Gen. Abdulrahman Al-Sheikh will inspect the sites of new projects and newly-accomplished projects in Makkah and the holy places next Sunday. He will give directives to the workers. He will also visit the Civil Defense Center, the Public Security Headquarters and other security installations.

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Iran leader injured in Mujahedeen firing

TEHRAN, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — The prayer leader of a mosque at Shiraz, southern Iran, escaped with slight wounds when three shots were fired at him, the newspaper *Islamic Republic* reported Wednesday.

The newspaper of the ruling Islamic Republican Party said that Hojatoleslam Vemastollah Adib had just left the mosque in his car last Monday when the shots were fired. The Hojatoleslam and his 11-year-old daughter were both wounded in the legs, the report added.

Meanwhile, in Isfahan, Islamic Republican Party member Hojatoleslam Ejei, an influential clergyman, escaped unharmed from a recent armed attack on his home, the newspaper *Keyhans* reported Tuesday. Several assailants were arrested and others fled after the attack Tuesday, the newspaper said, without giving further details.

Keyhans also reported several attacks by "counter-revolutionaries" in Isfahan, the

north central town of Arak, and Bandar Anzali in the north. Two leaders of revolutionary organizations were killed in the attacks, the paper said.

Meanwhile, in the northeastern city of Meshed, a member of the Islamic Factory Association was assassinated in his car by unknown assailants, Iranian television reported.

From his exile outside of Paris, ousted Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr urged Iranian opposition groups Tuesday night to keep demonstrating in the streets of Tehran. "Despite 1,200 executions in Iran in the past three months, the Iranian people have not given up the fight," Bani-Sadr said in a communique released from his home in Paris where he has lived since fleeing Iran Aug. 29.

"I hope the international community will support the courage of the Iranian people in these historic moments," Bani-Sadr said in his statement. The former Iranian president urged his compatriots to "follow all the paths of the heroic resistance" until the fall of the Khomeini government.

At least 10 persons were reported killed in Tehran Tuesday in five demonstrations by the Mujahedeen along one of Tehran's main thoroughfares. The casualties were not confirmed, however, with Radio Tehran and Pars news agency only reporting one Mujahedeen and two revolutionary guards dead. Pars also said several passers-by were injured by a molotov cocktail.

The most serious clash broke out on Ali-Asr avenue, where witnesses said intense firing lasted at least 45 minutes. It broke out after some 50 demonstrators outside a large department store shouted anti-Khomeini and pro-Mujahedeen slogans and lit tires, reports said. The protesters then set fire to a bus as more than 100 revolutionary guards and committee members arriving on the scene started chasing after them. Witnesses said they saw the bodies of six revolutionary guards and two civilians, presumably Mujahedeen lying in the streets, and ambulances rushed to the scene.

UNRWA threatens to suspend schools

AMMAN, Sept. 16 (AP) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees has again sounded the alarm it may have to suspend its educational services to an estimated 1.3 million Palestinian refugees due to a budget deficit, an UNRWA official said Wednesday.

Olof Rydbeck, UNRWA's commissioner-general said during a visit here that the organizations budget deficit was now running at \$80 million \$10 million above last year's reported deficit. Rydbeck said UNRWA could continue its operations "only until the end of 1981 and then we will decide whether to continue or not." Earlier this year, UNRWA threatened to send dismissal notices to some 5,000 Palestinian teachers in Jordan if the budgetary shortfall was not amended. It later delayed the decision after extra contributions from the United States, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Japan.

Rabat advances trial of opponents

RABAT, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — The trial of Abderrahim Bouabid and four other leaders on the Socialist Opposition Party in Morocco has been brought forward from Sept. 25 to Sept. 21, a party spokesman said Wednesday. They appeared in court last Friday but the hearings was adjourned.

The five are charged with disturbing public order after the Union Socialiste des Forces Populaires (USFP), the main opposition party, published a declaration criticizing government policy on the Western Sahara conflict.

A party spokesman said dozens of militants of the Socialist Opposition Party have been called in by police and made to sign statements promising not to disturb the peace, a

party spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman said members of the 68-man administrative commission and local officials of the "Union Socialiste des Forces Populaires" (USFP) were made to sign the document Tuesday by police in Nabnana, Rabat, Fez, Marrakesh, Tangier and Oujda. None of the members was detained.

In the document, the militants promised not to disturb the peace, stage demonstrations or distribute literature, the spokesman said. The measure follows the arrest last week of 83 USFP leaders including Bouabid, the party's first secretary. They have been charged with disturbing the peace after the party issued a declaration criticizing official policy on Western Sahara.

Denktash hopeful of Cyprus accord

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has said the chances of a settlement in Cyprus were about 50-50. "While the inter-communal talks continue, there is a glimmer of hope," he told a press conference Tuesday.

Denktash, who has talked to some British government ministers while on a short visit to London, said the only thing lacking was a satisfactory territorial agreement. "We are far nearer a settlement this year if the Greeks play it fair," he said.

Denktash called on the Greek Cypriots to

"put their territorial proposals on the table" and said he hoped United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim would help to persuade them to do so. He said that the principle of equality must be accepted and then over the years trust might be established. "Once we accept the principle of equality, ways and means can be found."

But he added that the present situation had dragged on since 1963 and a generation gap might develop so that no dialogue would be possible.



BOMB ATTACK: A powerful bomb explosion late Tuesday evening burst out the office of the Turkish Airlines in central Copenhagen. Two passers-by were slightly wounded.

In Copenhagen

Turkish Airlines office bombed

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 16 (AP) — A search was under way Wednesday for a foreigner who witnesses saw leave two plastic bags outside the Turkish Airlines office in Copenhagen shortly before a bomb exploded, police said.

A terrorist group called Asala, the Armenian secret army for the liberation of Armenia, claimed responsibility for the Tuesday night, which caused extensive damage to the office and injured two passers-by.

Inspector Knud Jensen of the Copenhagen police said Wednesday both the bags contained explosives, but only one went off. A military bomb squad picked up the second bomb and detonated it, Jensen said. He said neither of the injured men, one of whom spent the night in a hospital, was in a serious condition. "One person was seen at the airline office just before the explosion," Jensen

said. "He was described as a foreigner, not Danish."

Just after the blast, which occurred at about 10:15 p.m. (2015 GMT), a caller told the Associated Press Asala had planted the explosives to protest jailings of members of Turkey's Armenian and Kurdish minorities. The anonymous caller said the act was a strike at "corrupt Turkish fascism."

It was the second Armenian-claimed attack against a Copenhagen airline office in little over a month. On Aug. 11, two bombs shattered windows and the interior of Swissair's local headquarters, a few meters away from the Turkish Airlines office. An American tourist was injured.

The Danish police said Wednesday they believed that the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (Asala) was responsible for the attack. Police said they had yet to be contacted by the nationalist group and did not know the motive for the blast.

Hussein returns from vacation

AMMAN, Sept. 16 (AP) — King Hussein and his wife, Queen Noor, returned home late Tuesday night after a three-week visit to Spain and Portugal.

The royal couple spent most of their trip vacationing in Spain's Balearic and Canary Islands. The Jordanian ruler also met with Spanish King Juan Carlos and French President Francois Mitterrand to urge intensified efforts by European nations to help bring about a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, according to official reports here.

BRIEFS

THE HAGUE, (AFP) — Tunisia and Libya Wednesday began submitting their cases to the International Court of Justice here in a bid to settle the 13-year dispute between them over the line of their common frontier offshore.

TOKYO, (AP) — Egyptian Deputy Prime Minister Kamal Hassan Ali discussed politics in the Middle East and Egypt's development needs in a 90-minute meeting with Japanese Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda Wednesday.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel's cost-of-living index rose 3.9 percent in August, bringing the annual inflation rate to 132 percent, the Central Bureau of Statistics said Tuesday.

HONG KONG, (AFP) — The Horn of Africa, the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea are like a powder keg, Djibouti's National Assembly Speaker Abdulkader Waberi Askar said at a banquet in Peking Tuesday.

Massive raids in Sudan to round up suspects

KHARTOUM, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — The Sudanese authorities are continuing a massive crackdown, launched Saturday, on people in the three townships comprising Khartoum who are suspected of posing a threat to the safety of the capital's population.

Joint teams from the army, the police and the prisons department have been combing the streets, markets and public places searching for robbers, pickpockets and black marketeers believed by the authorities to be behind the current spate of soaring prices for basic commodities. Anyone who fails to produce an identity card is being taken into custody.

Also included in the day and night sweep, which police sources said would be intensified, are vagrants, unemployed persons, pedlars and aliens without residence permits. A senior police official declined to elaborate Tuesday on the nationalities or numbers of aliens involved. He said it was too sensitive a matter to disclose any information about nationalities before the arrested aliens had been classified into refugee and non-refugee groups.

The police source said suspected criminals would be taken to court, unemployed persons

would be sent to 'production regions', and refugees to camps. The police commissioner for Khartoum north said about 500 suspects have been rounded up Sunday in the outskirts. He said they included Chadians, some of whom were refugees. No figures were immediately available for arrests made in other parts of the three-town capital.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Muhammad Mirghani Mubarak said Tuesday Sudan will take similar measures if Libya repeated its provocative allegations against the Sudan within the Arab community. In a press statement following a meeting with President Numeiri Tuesday noon, Mubarak said the president has directed the adoption of similar measures if Libya repeated its false allegations against the Sudan. The Libyan move to isolate the Sudan from the Arab community was an unlawful move and its allegations were baseless, he added.

Mubarak said that all the Arab countries were aware that Libya was acting against the Arab League charter. At the same time, they know what Sudan has extended and is still extending to Arab cause. In this respect, he noted that the Sudan has reaffirmed its commitment to support the Arab cause in the face of Zionism.

2-day Israel-Egypt talks fail

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16 (AFP) — After two days of talks here, Israeli and Egyptian delegations working on improving relations between their two countries have failed to come up with concrete decisions, according to a senior Israeli official Tuesday.

Zvi Kedari, head of the Egyptian department at the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said that so far, four committees had been set up to examine the questions of telecommunications,

air links, tourist exchange and road freight transport between the two countries. Egypt is represented by a 45-strong delegation headed by Ambassador to Israel Tamar Shash. The team arrived here Sunday to try to speed up normalization of relations between Cairo and Tel Aviv as agreed during the recent Alexandria summit between President Anwar Sadat and Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

U.S. okays Israel jet sale to Ecuador

LIMA, Sept. 16 (AP) — The United States has authorized the use of U.S.-made engines in Israeli planes which will be sold to Ecuador, a high U.S. official said here Tuesday.

Thomas C. Enders, under secretary of state for Latin American affairs, said the decision meets U.S. policy on arms sales. Enders commented on the sale, which is opposed by the Peruvian government, at a press conference

where he was asked about Ecuadorean press reports that Israel would sell 20 Kfir jets to Ecuador. "The United States has indeed authorized the use of U.S.-made engines for Kfir planes that are manufactured in Israel and will, among other things, be sold to Ecuador," Enders said.

U.S. arms sales contracts stipulate that no American arms can be sold to third parties without U.S. government permission.

Mitterrand's adviser to visit Israel

PARIS, Sept. 16 (R) — President Francois Mitterrand's chief adviser, Jacques Attali, will fly to Israel Sunday for talks with the Israeli government and opposition leaders, a French official said Tuesday.

He is expected to meet Prime Minister

Menahem Begin and Labor opposition leader Shimon Peres to discuss France's Middle East policy, a week before President Mitterrand goes to Saudi Arabia on an official visit.

Mitterrand also plans to visit Israel and Egypt, but no dates have been fixed.

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U.S. senator finds Soviets interested in missile parleys

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP) — A Senate Republican, just back from the Soviet Union, said the Kremlin may be seriously interested in negotiating new controls over nuclear missiles in Europe.

"I find some limited reason to be hopeful, although not optimistic," about the outlook for arms negotiations, Sen. Charles Mathias told the Associated Press Tuesday after reporting on his talks to Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Based on meetings in Moscow with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other Soviet leaders, Mathias said the "enormous concern" shown by the Soviets with the

NATO plan to deploy 572 new U.S. thermonuclear warheads in western Europe could "offer the opportunity for serious negotiations."

The warheads would be targeted on Soviet territory. The 1975 NATO decision was supposed to counter a threat posed by new Soviet mobile missiles and mid-range aircraft known as the backfire bomber. But it is causing considerable dissension within the alliance, and the Reagan administration has promised to pursue negotiations with the Soviets.

"They went into great and specific detail on this issue," Mathias said. "They painted the picture of how dangerous it was to have only a five-minute warning of an attack as opposed to 25 to 30 minutes for an (intercontinental ballistic missile). Of course, we pointed out the same is true for the NATO nations. They would also have only five minutes."

Overall, Mathias said he found "a wide gap in perception" as well as an unrealistic hope of revising the SALT II treaty limiting U.S. and Soviet long-range bombers and ICBMs. Reagan has refused to submit the treaty to the Senate for ratification, but the two countries have agreed to comply with its terms.

"One of the most serious problems we have with the Soviet Union is the difficulty of communicating with them," Mathias said in the interview. "We simply look at the world through different glasses. It's very difficult to communicate, and even more difficult to negotiate. This is the challenge for Secretary Haig."

However, Mathias said Haig "has a genuine interest in making some progress toward a more stable relationship." Mathias' assessment to Soviet attitudes might help Haig in his Sept. 25 meeting in New York with Gromyko.

Mathias said he found "basically they have no knowledge of the Reagan administration except for public utterances. As a normal human reaction, you are apprehensive on what you don't know. So I think there's a degree of that apprehension about the unknown in this relationship at the moment."

India blocks law banning conversions

NEW DELHI, Sept. 16 (AP) — The Indian government has blocked proposals to forbid Hindu "untouchables" from converting to the Muslim faith to escape the discrimination of the Hindu caste system.

Parliament debated for five hours Tuesday the reasons why hundreds of untouchables, or Harijans, have left the Hindu religion in recent months to become Muslims. Yogendra Makwana, minister of state for home affairs, said there was no evidence to support claims that money was being funneled from the Middle East to encourage the conversions.

Some Hindus have charged that Muslims, who make up about 70 million of India's 684 million population, hope to increase their number to 200 million within 20 years. They demanded laws banning conversions, but Makwana said that would not be considered.

"India being a secular state, the constitution guarantees liberty of faith and worship to all citizens and the right to freely profess, practice and propagate religion," he said.

Makwana and Home Affairs Minister Zail Singh said the government would investigate any specific complaints of foreign money being used to pay Indians to convert.

Vietnam denies chemical warfare

HANOI, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Vietnamese Foreign Ministry sources Wednesday denied U.S. charges that outlawed chemical weapons, presumably of Soviet origin, were being used against guerrillas in Laos and Cambodia.

"The United States regularly makes slanderous charges against Vietnam on the so-called use of toxic chemical products," one source said. "Vietnam has rejected this slander on several occasions."

The Hanoi-backed regime in Cambodia also denied as "gross slander" the charges made by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and said they were designed to justify renewed U.S. "interference" in Southeast Asia.

Haig said in Berlin Sunday that the United States had "physical evidence" that chemical weapons were being used against insurgents in Cambodia, Laos and Afghanistan. He implied that the chemicals were Soviet-made.

Foreign Ministry sources here and officials in Phnom Penh counter-charged that the United States itself used chemical weapons in Indochina before the Communist victories in 1975. "The United States is trying, through such accusations, a diversionary maneuver to

hide its collusion with China against the countries of Indochina," a Foreign Ministry source here said.

The Vietnamese Army daily *Quan Doi Nhan Dan* said the U.S. charges were timed to coincide with the start of the United Nations General Assembly session in New York. "The United States wants to blacken the image of Vietnam through this slander and to widen the gulf between the Indochinese countries and the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) by 'brandishing the Vietnamese scarecrow'," the newspaper said.

Marshal Ye to resign

HONG KONG, Sept. 16 (AFP) — China's ceremonial head of state, 82-year-old Marshal Ye Jianying, plans to resign at the annual session of the Chinese National People's Congress (NPC) scheduled for November, the south China *Morning Post* reported Wednesday.

The move by Marshal Ye, chairman of the NPC, would prompt resignations by many other elderly leaders, the report said, quoting political observers.



SPANISH BULLFIGHT: A 485-kilo bull corners Fernandez Elez Villarreal Sanchez, a would-be fighter who jumped shirtless into the bullring at Albacete in southern Spain Tuesday to steal the action. Sanchez later died from injuries to the throat, chest and kidneys.

Spaniard gored to death in bullring

ALBACETE, Spain, Sept. 16 (AP) — A 26-year-old Spaniard was gored to death in front of thousands of bullfight fans when he stripped off his shirt and jumped into the bullring here trying to fight a 485-kilo (1,067-pound) fighting bull.

Fernandez Elez Villarreal Sanchez was gored in the throat, chest and kidney, doctors at the Albacete bullring said Tuesday. The newspaper *Diario 16* in Madrid blamed the three bullfighters on the card for not

intervening after the bull hit the would-be bullfighter several times. The newspaper singled out matador Manuel Benitez, "El Cordobes," for not intervening since it was his turn to fight the bull.

The newspaper said the crowd shouted "assassins" at the professional matadors. A bullfight critic finally jumped onto the sand and pulled the mortally wounded man's body out of the bull's path, the newspaper said.

There was no immediate comment from El Cordobes, for many years Spain's No. 1 matador, who recently has been trying for a comeback at age 43 after nine years of retirement.

Friends said Villarreal Sanchez had been trying to become a professional and attract the interest of promoters by jumping into the ring to fight as what is known in the trade as a "spontaneous."

Soviet troops said no threat to Japanese

TOKYO, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Soviet troops deployed in the Far East "would hardly pose a threat to Japan" in the event of a war between the two countries, says an influential private research institute on security affairs.

It also said that although the balance of power between China and the Soviet Union is clearly in Moscow's favor, neither side appears to have any intention of attacking the other in the present circumstances.

The assessments came in a report on the current military power balance in Asia published by the institute headed by former Defense Academy President Masamichi Inoki.

"Should a war break out between the Soviet Union and Japan, Soviet ground troops and naval infantry from the Soviet Pacific fleet would hardly pose a threat to Japan," says the report, titled "Asian Security 1981."

It said the Soviet Pacific fleet's amphibious vessels — one assault landing ship, 10 tank transport ships and 10 small landing ships — are capable of landing a maximum of 4,000 infantrymen, or two regiments.

French assembly rejects opposition censure motion

PARIS, Sept. 16 (AFP) — An opposition motion to censure the Socialist government of Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy was rejected early Wednesday by a vote of the French National Assembly. Only 154 deputies, Gaullists and Giscardians, voted for the motion, well below the 246 needed for adoption.

The motion, offered by the Gaullist RPR Party (Rally for the Republic), had been given no real chance of succeeding, since the Socialists by themselves hold a majority of the 491 assembly seats. The Gaullists complained that Mauroy "has not oriented his action in the most important direction: The fight against unemployment and inflation."

And Jacques Blanc, of the Giscardian Union for French Democracy (UDF), said his faction supported the motion "to mark its unswerving opposition to a politics that, through its intolerance and sectarianism, is spoiling France's future and sending it on the path of decline."

The vote followed Mauroy's presentation to the assembly of the broad outlines of the new government's policy, which centers on the battle against unemployment. In response to opposition criticism, the prime minister insisted: "The battle of unemployment is truly the battle of France. This is a battle we will win."

The battle over the censure motion fell strictly along party lines. Socialist Party leader Pierre Joxe said he was amazed by the rightists' attitude. "Reforms are in the works, others have been announced, some are imminent, a budget is in preparation — and the RPR suddenly announces a motion of censure."

He reproached the right for offering criticism without offering any alternatives, and said the censure motion was "an act of foul humor, of spite". Communist leader Andre Lajoie said members of his party were satisfied with the program announced by Mauroy.

The Socialists have announced measures aimed at providing thousands of new jobs, decentralizing the government and nationalizing banks and some large industries. The right contends those measures are inflationary and will weaken and destabilize France.

CIA purge traced to Libyan link

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AFP) — A purge of the United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was launched in 1977 after several agents were found to be helping train guerrillas in Libya, *The Washington Post* reported Wednesday.

The *Post* said that 17 agents were sacked, 157 opted for retirement and 50 others were transferred to different departments in the crackdown by then-CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner. What the CIA called a "reduction of personnel" in fact affected more than 800 posts, the report said, quoting anonymous top CIA men.

It began when Adm. Turner, who had just succeeded the current U.S. Vice President George Bush as CIA chief, discovered that some agents had aided two former colleagues, Edwin Wilson and Francis Terpil, to train and equip Libyan guerrillas.

Two agents were immediately sacked and the admiral, asserting that others were "still playing cowboy", ordered a strict monitoring of clandestine operations. Many of the victims of the purge started with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), the predecessor of the CIA set up in World War II, the *Post* said.

Wilson and Terpil were charged last year with aiding terrorists and plotting the murder of an opponent of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi. The 1977 shakeup was heavily criticized by some intelligence experts, who said it would wreck the CIA's intelligence-gathering abilities.

Castro raps U.S. with 'war facts'

MIAMI, Florida, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Cuban President Fidel Castro opened the annual Interparliamentary Union conference in Havana Tuesday with a fiery attack on the U.S. government, calling it a purveyor of "warmonger policies" throughout the world.

Castro cited five "bloody war facts" in his speech monitored by radio in Miami. He accused the United States of intervening in El Salvador, where he said about 20,000 of that central American country's residents have been "assassinated."

He also charged the Ronald Reagan administration approved Israeli bombing of an Iraqi nuclear reactor and in Lebanon, provoked Libya in a recent jetfighter clash over the Gulf of Sidra and supported "the criminal invasion" of Angola by South Africa.

"Over the Reagan administration and its aggressive policy is the blood ... hundreds of dead Angolans ... hundreds of Libyans and Palestinians massacred — the blood of three peoples of the different continents," Castro said.

Castro vehemently denied that Cuba is involved militarily in Central America. "Lies, Lies, and Lies," he said of charges that "part of the arms given to us by the Soviet Union for our defense are being redistributed in central America."

Castro also launched an attack of the British government, accusing the Thatcher administration of "obstinacy ... cruelty ... and insensibility" toward hunger strikers in Northern Ireland.

More than 1,000 delegates from 94 nations are attending the session. Among them are delegates from Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America who meet yearly to discuss world issues and initiate resolutions for the United Nations to consider.

Diplomats from the United States, China and Britain walked out of the conference after Castro severely criticized their governments. Wayne Smith, head of the U.S. interests section in Havana, led the walkout after Castro accused Reagan of pursuing an aggressive policy "unheard of even in the worst part of the Cold War."

Attacking U.S. policies, Castro said: "Its thinking, its arrogant rejection of every human rights policy, its foreign policy, its contempt for world peace and its refusal to seek and find formulas for honorable coexistence are fascist." Castro repeated charges that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was responsible for introducing epidemics and plagues into Cuba.

The Chinese diplomatic observer left the conference hall after Castro said the Chinese government figured in what he termed the aggressive plans of U.S. imperialism.

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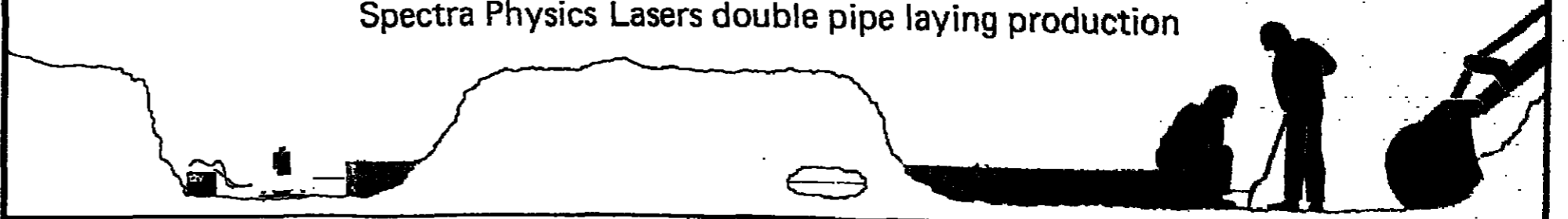
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Indian oil fails to lure investors

By Ajoy Sen

NEW DELHI —

India's attempts to give a badly-needed boost to its oil industry are being hampered by a lack of foreign investment and a failure to entice foreign oil companies to sign exploration deals, oil industry sources say.

The Indian government has secured barely more than a tenth of its \$6 billion investment target aimed at increasing production and finding more oil to cut its onerous fuel import bill, the sources said.

At the same time, only about a dozen of the 35 companies invited to explore for oil are still negotiating with the government. The sources said many companies felt they were not being offered the best areas or given attractive enough terms. Oil output is officially planned to be raised to 28 million tonnes a year or 560,000 barrels per day (bpd) by 1984-85 from an estimated 17 million tonnes (340,000 bpd) in the current year.

Credits totaling \$400 million from the World Bank, \$200 million from the international capital market and \$23 million from the U.S. Export-Import Bank have so far been secured.

"This is peanuts against targeted investment," a senior petroleum ministry official told Reuters. Official sources say the prospects of further large loans from governments and international financial institutions are not encouraging. Some industrialized countries have cut overseas aid as part of an anti-inflationary package, and the World Bank may be left with less money to lend after meeting the demands of China, which became a bank member last year, they say.

Finance Minister Ramaswami Venkataraman told parliament recently the government would seek export credits from potential suppliers and also borrow Eurodollars — dollars deposited outside the U.S. However, export credits cannot cover the purchase of machines and equipment outside the lending countries, and Eurodollar loans are expensive, officials say.

India is negotiating with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a record \$5.65 billion loan to plug its balance of payments deficit, which last year totaled \$2.5 billion. The IMF loan would help raise the foreign exchange reserves and cover a possible shortfall in loans for oil exploration, a finance ministry official said. "But the government will not accept lending terms if these are politically embarrassing," he added.

Because of soaring oil prices, oil now accounts for almost half of India's import bill and the country's foreign exchange reserves are fast sinking under the cost.

The reserves slumped to \$4.7 billion last month from about \$6.55 billion a year earlier. India, which now meets almost half of its oil requirements through imports, will still need to buy 340,000 bpd of foreign oil in 1984-85 when domestic output is planned to rise to 560,000 bpd. The current year's imports are estimated at 320,000 bpd.

Domestic oil consumption is growing at 6.5 percent a year. The state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) and Oil India have discovered some promising offshore fields, mainly on the west coast. But production is currently limited to the Bombay High field off the west coast and onshore areas in northeastern Assam and western Gujarat states.

India invited foreign oil companies last year to explore the country's 32 identified offshore and onshore blocks. Only about a dozen of the 35 companies involved last December are still negotiating with the government. Several major oil companies pulled out after the government declined to give them potentially rich areas and instead kept them for exploration by ONGC and Oil India, official sources say.

Some have ended negotiations because they find the official terms for production-sharing unattractive, foreign oil company sources say.

A major breakthrough is possible in offshore areas where oil has been found in the past year, but further drilling has been suspended because of technological problems, an ONGC official said.

The French firm Compagnie Generale de Geophysique (CGG) will use a new seismic device to locate oil believed to be buried under rocks in the northern Himalayan foothills. Export credits are being used to buy new drill ships, rigs and seismic machines from the U.S., West Germany, Japan and Singapore.

Petroleum Minister Prakash Chand Sethi told parliament this month that promising areas like shoals and estuaries would be explored by contractors. The oil hunt has to continue because India has no alternative source of energy readily available. The country's nuclear program has yet to grow into a dependable energy source. —(R)

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THE NATURAL PLACE

It is true that the Soviet Union directs its Communist operations in some Arab countries, including Egypt, against their regimes whose relations with Moscow reach a sour point. Those regimes in our region which enjoy happy relations with the Kremlin need not worry about Communist plots because they have been installed with Moscow's blessings. They will continue to receive Russia's backing as long as they are loyal. The situation will be reversed when a certain leader takes a U-turn, or leaves the East to go West. Why? because the Kremlin adopted Mr. Sadat's revolution together with other Free Officers in 1952.

Now the Soviet Union spearheads opposition against Sadat in fear of losing its "progressive gains" in Egypt, not because of Russia's opposition to the Camp David accords. Peace for a super-power in a region of the world is a secondary issue when its political and economic interests are secured there. But what guarantees that leader that his new friends in the West, this time Washington, will not interfere in his domestic affairs in following the same policy as the Soviets — that is securing political and economic gains.

The United States has been more "considerate" toward Egypt's problems than its predecessor. It has initiated unilateral peace between Egypt and Israel, and offered more generous economic assistance to turn the once Socialist-oriented economy of Egypt into a free enterprise.

Neither "turn" helped Egypt solve its economic bottlenecks, nor Washington's peace accords bring Cairo closer to its Arab brethren. The Soviets created a wide gap between Nasser's Egypt and the Arabs in the same fashion Washington created that gap between Sadat's America and the Arabs.

We hope this vicious circle will stop rocking Sadat left and right and leave him in his natural and geographical place — in the Arab world.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Al-Jazirah gave lead coverage to a message from King Hassan II of Morocco conveyed to King Khalid Tuesday by Idris Al-Salawi, adviser to the Moroccan monarch. *Al-Nadwa* and *Okaz* led with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's reaffirmation that the Saudi Arabian proposal constitutes a positive basis for the realization of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan's inspection of the 11th Brigade in the Southern Region formed the lead story in *Al-Riyadh* while *Al-Madina* quoted Arab League Secretary General Chadi Kilibi as saying that the Kingdom's peace initiative is an evidence of the Arab nation's keenness to take responsibility in war and in peace. Meanwhile, *Al-Bilad* reported in a lead story that the Arab Follow-Up Committee continues its efforts to open the remaining road links in Beirut.

Newspapers frontpaged Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's escalating drive against his opponents, reporting further that the Egyptian regime has expelled the Soviet ambassador and six other Soviet diplomats on charges of conspiring to overthrow Sadat's regime. In a prominent front-page story, *Al-Madina* reported, quoting Reuters, that Saudi Arabia is striving to prevail upon France to accord full recognition to PLO, within the context of a fresh move to settle the Middle East tangle. It also quoted U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig as saying that the U.S. Congress' rejection of the AWACS deal with Saudi Arabia will subject America's strategy to grave threats.

Newspaper editorials mostly discussed America's strategic alliance with Israel. *Al-Madina* observed that Haig's visit to Spain for a meeting with Crown Prince Fahd had been so timed as to give an impression that what transpired between President Reagan and Israeli Premier Begin in Washington was part of Saudi Arabia's move toward finding a just and enduring solution to the

Middle East. It said that State Department spokesman Dean Fischer should have felt disappointed to imagine that the Kingdom could become a bridge for such a squallid alliance. The paper asked the U.S. administration, and especially Fischer, to remember that the Kingdom is convinced that America's support for the Zionist entity exposes the security of the whole region to a grave danger.

In an editorial, *Al-Jazirah* said it is difficult to understand how President Reagan can accept Begin's plan for Lebanon, knowing fully well that Begin has always been the main figure behind any confusion in the Lebanese crisis. It said that Washington is not ignorant of the secret of Israeli military escalations in Lebanon and its barbaric acts against the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples.

Al-Nadwa noted that the U.S. is hastening to belie all its claims for working for the sake of peace in the Middle East, by announcing a strategic alliance with the Zionist enemy. The paper said that the alliance will prove America's total bias toward Israel and absolute support for the Zionist assaults on the Arabs. Turning to the question of the arms flow, the paper regretted that, while the U.S. arms pour into Israel without an objection from any quarter, there is so much din over the AWACS deal with Saudi Arabia despite the fact that the Kingdom pays full amount in dollars, so precious for the U.S. in view of the reported deficit in its balance of payments.

Meanwhile, *Al-Riyadh* dwelt on the Egyptian scene, saying that President Sadat has started to believe that the forcible normalization process would not pass easily, as he has failed to silence the popular voice against his policies. The paper said that Sadat expelled a majority of foreign correspondents (for not giving an objective coverage to the events) and even accused them of working as agents because they refused to the style of his papers.



Mitterrand-Thatcher links warming

By David Mason

LONDON —

Relations between Britain and France have warmed markedly, although Britain is governed by an arch-Conservative and France by a Socialist who has four Communists in his government.

It may be too soon to say new life has definitely been given to the historic and often soured

"entente cordial" between Britain and France. But on both sides of the English channel, diplomats and commentators are saying British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and French President Francois Mitterrand have started their relationship in an excellent atmosphere and that the portents are significant.

At their first formal summit last week, the two leaders ordered a new look at the ancient dream of

a tunnel under the channel. The channel tunnel plan may remain more symbolic than real, but symbolism can be important, say officials on both sides. The Paris newspaper *Le Monde* commented: "In many ways this summit appears to be one of rediscovery between two old nations."

Mitterrand was elected to a seven-year term as president May 10 and named Communists to his government, causing concern to his allies. British officials say they are now comfortable with the new French government, and that any security problems have been effectively solved.

A flurry of statements by Mitterrand and External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson emphasized that France's new regime was linking itself more firmly than former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing had done to the main Western foreign and defense policy stands. This, above all, has made Mitterrand palatable to Mrs. Thatcher.

Mitterrand is nationalizing banks and industry, while Mrs. Thatcher is trying to get government out of business. Mitterrand is out to reflate his economy by more spending. Mrs. Thatcher is attempting going back. A joint news conference after their summit went on for nearly double the time scheduled, with Mrs. Thatcher almost begging for more questions and each of the leaders graciously refusing to comment on domestic issues.

Mrs. Thatcher and Mitterrand stressed the same themes in East-West relations — firmness toward the Soviet Union, a Soviet hands-off on Poland and reinforcement of Western Europe's nuclear arsenal. Cheysson scoffed at arguments by British Socialists that Britain should disarm unilaterally and pull out of the European-Common Market.

Besides the new studies on the channel tunnel, Mitterrand and Mrs. Thatcher charted a wide range of new joint projects in aeronautics, space, telecommunications and computerization.

Mitterrand made no promise toward meeting Mrs. Thatcher's demands, but he agreed to serious discussions and cooperation with Britain. The new warmth in British-French relations is important to the rest of Europe, British officials say.

Giscard had stressed France's relationship with West Germany, built on close personal ties with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. With Schmidt's economic and political troubles increasing, and the emphasis on the Paris-Bonn axis waning, the leadership of Europe will now be broader-based, meeting the objections of smaller nations which had felt squeezed out by the Giscard-Schmidt club, British officials feel. (AP)

Soviets packing up to leave

By David Rogers

CAIRO —

The floodlights are still switched on each night to illuminate the towering monument to Soviet-Egyptian friendship. But for years it has been a meaningless gesture. This week the last Russians living in sight of the monument, in the upper Egyptian town of Aswan, will be told to pack up and go, their work contract abruptly terminated by the Cairo government. The departure of Soviet engineers from Aswan symbolizes better than anything the low point now reached in Soviet-Egyptian relations.

It was through the hugely expensive offer to build the Aswan High Dam that the Soviet Union signalled to the Arab world in the late 1950s that it could compete with the United States in the region. Stepping in to carry through a highly-publicized project that the Americans had refused to back, Moscow made a lasting ally of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nasser and announced its presence in an area where it had until then made little impact.

What remains of Soviet-Egyptian technical cooperation now appeared to have become involved in Egypt's internal upheavals. Cairo is accusing the Kremlin of helping stir up the sectarian strife that President Anwar Sadat this month cited as his justification for a crackdown on religious extremists and political opponents.

The Soviet ambassador, six of his diplomatic staff and two Russian journalists are being expelled and the last Soviet civilian experts will have their contracts terminated within a week, the government says. Government-controlled newspapers have splashed accounts of a Soviet plot against the regime, alleging that some of the 1,500 persons arrested in the crackdown were involved.

Not for the first time Cairo is ordering a drastic pruning in embassy personnel. Sadat tried to do so

in January 1980 but despite his instructions that Soviet embassy staff be restricted to seven, it did not fall below 40.

Even in their hey-day Soviet-Egyptian relations were seldom tranquil. Nikita Khrushchev used to complain angrily about the way President Nasser jailed Egyptian Communists. But from the mid-60s to the mid-70s the friendship was a major factor in the Middle East. Moscow spent vast sums on arming Egypt and despatching tens of thousands of advisers.

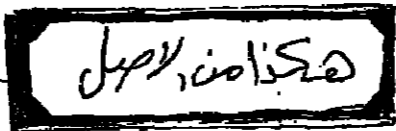
At the street level the Russians were not popular. They lived apart in their own compounds, strolled the streets in military uniforms and were constantly accused of adopting a master-and-servant manner.

One American specialist who made a study of the Soviet presence concluded it provided "a near-perfect example of how to alienate the local populace."

The friendship started going sour in 1972 when President Sadat, angry because the Kremlin would not send more weapons, expelled 17,000 Soviet military advisers.

The Kremlin later helped Egypt make up some of its arms losses, but by 1976 relations had reached the point where Sadat abrogated the treaty of friendship, having unpaid billions of dollars in debts to Moscow. Since then the Egyptian leader has moved closer to Washington.

Through all the diplomatic storms Moscow has kept civilian experts in Egypt. Apart from the Aswan Dam, they are heavily involved in running a sprawling steel plant at Helwan, south of Cairo, and an aluminium plant in Nag Hamadi, upper Egypt. Soviet specialists are helping in several other projects. Unlike their predecessors they have kept a low profile in recent years and neither Cairo nor Moscow has officially disclosed their number. Western sources put it at more than 1,000. — (R)



Stage revival

High ideals, morality park Camelot success

By Nan Anthony
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — In short, there's simon, a more congenial spot for happy aftering than here in Camelot. Happily mingling along with these familiar lyrics, ing diversion from daily cares, Americans flocking by the dozens, may be the treds, to see the revival of Camelot.

rst staged as a musical play in 1960, elot is based generally on the legend of Arthur and the Knights of the Round e and specially on T. H. White's book *Once and Future King*. Two basic themes in the action of the play — the hope that will triumph over might and the subjug of self in the interests of others.

music and lyrics by the famous team of er and Lowe, remain unchanged from original stage version. Some of the more us tunes from the production are: nelot, "How to Handle a Woman", and iver I Would Leave You".

current cast is headed by Richard Har- r of stage and screen, playing the role rthur the King. He also portrayed that in the film version, released in 1967.

r major parts are filled by Meg Bussert een Guenevere, Richard Muenz as Sir elot and James Valentine, featured as yn, the Magician. Albert Insinnia por- the villain of the play, Mordred.

lmitedly a smashing success first as a production and then as a motion pic- critics today are somewhat puzzled by scord crowds — and box office receipts — g logged by Camelot, some fourteen . later. The show's star, Richard Harris, ined that Americans seem to want rtainment with a message" and are n to the high ideals and morality idied by the code of Arthur's Court.

is stated that the present state of the rican film industry leaves many peo- led and "at the mercy" of their televi- s for entertainment.

rris blames the moulds of movieland —

Hollywood — for the commercialism and corruption which offers a steady diet of violent, tawdry street films. Art and entertainment are lost in the shuffle for sensationalism and the quest for the "fast buck". The current streak of "blood and guts" in American movies seems to defy the well-proven fact that U.S. audiences consistently respond positively to inspiration topics.

Harris also theorized that the resounding success of Camelot's revival can be explained by the nostalgia Americans continue to feel for the early 1960s, for the early days of the presidency of John F. Kennedy. During his administration, and especially after his assassination, the themes of hope, idealism and strong leadership, found in the story of Arthur and his knights, grew to be associated with John Kennedy, his family and faithful supporters.

Camelot's refrain "Don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment, that was known as Camelot" holds a very special meaning for many associated with programs of that New Frontier era.

Concluding a two-year long tour throughout the U.S., the company is playing this week to crowds gathered at the Wolf Trap Farm Park Center for the Performing Arts. Wolf Trap's outdoor amphitheater, which seats 6,000, is located half an hour from Washington, D.C. into the Virginia countryside. The land of the 117 acre farm was donated by a philanthropist on the condition that it be used as a site for a performing arts center. The theater is seasonal, from June to September its programs include everything from jazz to opera to modern dance.

Dining "al fresco" before the performance is a favorite summer evening activity for many Washington residents. The sloping lawn behind the regular theater seats provides a perfect spot for picnics. Food baskets can contain fancy foods served with silver and china to the plastic and paper utensils that accompany a traditional "fast food" meal. Whatever the menu, concert goers can then stretch out on blankets and mats to enjoy the performance under summer skies.



CAMELOT'S REVIVAL: Richard Harris stars as king Arthur and Thor Field is young Tom in a scene from the fabled musical "Camelot" which is now on tour in the United States.

Japan delays nuclear waste dumping plan

By Sam Jameson

TOKYO, (LAT) — Japan will refrain from dumping nuclear wastes containing low levels of radioactivity into the Pacific Ocean until it obtains "at least a certain amount of understanding" from residents of Micronesia and other Pacific Islands, Japan's Science and Technology Agency director said recently.

The official, Ichiro Nakagawa, said Japan would seek approval from a majority of Pacific Island residents but eventually would have to determine for itself what constituted a "majority."

Nakagawa said Japan's dumping plans posed no danger to the islanders. Dumping, he said, would be carried out in accord with international standards and in no case would Japan consider disposing of high-grade nuclear wastes from reprocessing plants in the ocean now or in the future.

He said that accusations that Japan was seeking to dump its wastes in the islanders' "back yards" were inaccurate. The dumping site that Japan has selected is 560 miles south of Tokyo and 690 miles from the Northern Marianas he said, and is closer to Japan than to any of the Pacific Islands.

In Guam, Japan was recently denounced at a conference of chief executives of islands in the Pacific Basin for seeking to dump its nuclear wastes anywhere in the Pacific.

Nakagawa also disclosed that Japan was trying to persuade the United States to remove all limitations on Japan's reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel originally enriched in the United States. In negotiations now going on between the two governments, the United States had declared itself willing only to approve reprocessing for an additional three years, he said. Reprocessing is a method that produces plutonium that can be used in the manufacture of nuclear bombs.

Last May, in a meeting with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, President Reagan agreed to re-negotiate a 1977 U.S.-Japan agreement which put restrictions on reprocessing at Japan's only currently operating plant and obliged Japan to refrain from beginning construction on a second planned reprocessing facility.

Nakagawa said "problems still remain" on Japan's plans to build the second plant.

Five ships lost last winter

Sailors suspicious about 'Demon Sea' dangers; observation robot will watch currents, waves

KYO (AP) — Rough seas are the fate and the 31 crewmen aboard the *Yama Trader* were not particularly con- by a storm last March as their ship: yed for Japan with a load of iron ore. nd the 39,586-ton Liberian-registered ter lost speed, and its bow began to erge. Seamen found that a chunk of the 10 meters (33 ft) wide had fallen off, in a where a crack had been detected tes earlier.

official theory was that the ship had ntered one too many storm waves. The *Yama Trader* was the fifth large vessel to "disaster last winter in a 1,000-km (0 m) oval-shaped area off the central ese coast, which sailors have come to e "Demon Sea." The ship, which was ally loaded to Japan, was the only one : land again.

an's Transport Ministry dismisses ns that there are any seaborn hobgob- r supernatural forces behind the mis- although the Japanese press has com- l the area to the "Bermuda Triangle," a sced danger zone where ship and aircraft pear in the Caribbean.

sumi Miki, of the ministry's Safety Con- Department, said it is seeking \$870,000 xt year's budget to build in observation t to measure movements in the sea down 000 meters (16,400 ft). The 40-ton t, when put in place in 1983, will send s to Japanese communication satellite awari for relay to Tokyo.

se maritime safety agency plans to buy a 3-ton patrol ship with helicopter pad to ove search and rescue operations in the here is no question that the area mes very dangerous in the winter (ts, particularly December and Janu- said Kiyoyjo Hamada of the Marine lent inquiry agency. He said rough wa- re caused in part by the strong Kuroshio ent which snakes northward along the t of Japan.

me scientists have speculated that cold rian winds, skimming over the warm rs of the Kuroshio current, produce a ron of waves capable of bending steel. ada said waves more than 20 meters (66 igh battered the 33,833-ton Japanese carrier *Onomichi-Maru* last Dec. 30, ng off its bow and sinking the ship. The crewmen were rescued.

wo days before the *Onomichi-Maru* went n the 14,711-ton Yugoslav freighter er radioed from a point 530 km (320m) of Nojima Cape near Tokyo that it taking on water and proceeding slowly ard Japan. Nothing more was heard from ship and its crew of 35.

another 35 crewmen were presumed wned when the Greek freighter *Andiporos* appeared on Jan. 3. Its last message said y that it was sailing in rough water, 1,260 meters (760 miles) east of Nojima. with the *Danav*, there was no sos or other ication of peril.

Other recent victims of "demon sea" cap- were the 16,565-ton Greek cargo ship *or Glog*, which went down Jan. 8, 1980, h its crew of 29, and another Greek ship, 15,695-ton *Artemis*, abandoned after its w was rescued last Dec. 27.

ome scientists say human error may be only demon at work in these cases. It has n pointed out the term "Ma-No-Ka", or

"Demon Sea" was only popularized in Japan after a 34,000-ton Japanese freighter was split in two by waves in 1969, and after large ships began to ply this route between the Americas and Japan in great number.

Critics also say that of the 10 large ships that recently met calamity in the area, seven

were built in Japan. It has been charged that Japanese shipbuilders at that time were using thinner steel, and that structural design might make such long, heavy vessels vulnerable to cracking in heavy seas.

Shipbuilders insist there is no problem with the ships, and Hamada said no evidence of

structural defects has been found in the mis- haps.

The Transport Ministry hopes that its inquiry, when it finally goes to sea in 1983, will solve some of the natural mysteries that churn within the "Demon Sea."

Tiger, snake main entrees at edible zoo

By Catherine Campbell

BANGKOK (R) — "Pass the tiger, please." The plate is pushed across a table at the "Jungle Restaurant" on the outskirts of Bangkok. The place is an edible zoo.

Snakes doze in their cages waiting to be made into soup. Others, a step closer to the kitchen, hang dead by their heads, stiff, forked tongues protruding. Remains of other beasts on the bill of fare — antlers, skulls and skins — decorate the outdoorthatched and bamboo dining room.

Nearby are the cages of assorted furry creatures, including mongooses and an unrecognizable bear-like animal which the restaurant staff describe as a "pet." Much of the menu here, stir-fried tiger in particular, is on the

endangered species list.

"Killing wild animals — even deer — is illegal in Thailand," explained one of the many Bangkok residents who are regular customers here. "But since the animals are already dead we might as well eat them."

The restaurant, owned by an army sergeant "with connections" receives regular deliveries of jungle animals from hunters, the staff said, but would not go into details.

"Nobody knows exactly where the animals come from, but they told me that if I caught a snake on the street they would buy it," one customer said. "King cobra is one of the most popular items on the menu, delicious, if stringy, in soup or deep fried."

Bottles purporting to contain king cobra

blood ("good for circulation") snake gall ("a muscle relaxant") are sold for about 300 baht (\$15), a waitress said.

Other tasty dishes are deep fried ground lizard, disjointed before being cooked but with no parts missing, hot curried monkeys, stir fried crocodile, fried minced tiger with green peppers, and tortoise with mushrooms and tomato paste.

For those with tamer tastes there is wild boar or deer in oyster sauce a meal for four costs about \$18.

"Iguana is very popular here, and they serve bear, but it must be marinated a long time to get rid of the smell," a regular customer said. "This place is very popular with the men, specially on Friday and Saturday nights," a woman diner said.



BANGKOK MENU: Pass the tiger? One of the featured items at the "Jungle Restaurant" is fried minced tiger with green peppers.

Food pouches to provide tasty main-course meals

By Daniel P. Puzo

ATLANTA (LAT) — U.S. infantrymen on maneuvers in Europe are happier at dinner than in previous years as a result of technological revolution in the American food industry. Gone forever are the infamous C-ration cans that were known to contain gastronomical weaponry more feared than much of the enemy's arsenal.

Today, whenever army personnel are in the field they will reach for a pouch that contains the meal's main course instead of a can. The aluminum pouch is barely an inch thick and surprisingly lightweight. Each one-serving pouch measures eight inches in length and five inches in width. A soldier can choose from a selection that includes beef stroganoff, chicken cacciatore and other entrees that would rival the offerings at hometown eating spots.

No Refrigeration, Long Life
An extra bonus to the troops is the fact that the pouches need no refrigeration, have a long shelf life and can be prepared in only five minutes in boiling water. If a pot of boiling water isn't convenient in combat, then the pouches could be heated on the warm hood of a jeep, on the hot asphalt of a road or even by body heat in cold climates.

In the military those welcomed additions are known as meals ready to eat. To the American consumer the futuristic containers will be called flexible cans or retort pouches. Regardless of the title, the development of the pouches marks the most innovative packaging process since Birds Eye perfected frozen food.

The U.S. Army Research and Development Lab in Natick, Mass., first started working on the pouch concept in the late 1940s but the idea became functional only in the last several years.

Portability Excellent
For military purposes the pouch is significantly lighter than canned food enabling the combat soldier to reduce his weight load. It can be packed more conveniently in clothes or gear and will not corrode. Eventually, both U.S. and European-based army infantrymen will be using the pouch, which also has been called on to perform for NASA, the space agency.

Whatever military action the pouch may see will pale in comparison to the war now going on between major food corporations trying to market this innovative food container.

Market Tests Underway
Kraft foods and ITT's Continental Kitchens are currently testing consumer acceptance of retort pouch products in markets throughout the nation. Other companies are anxiously watching from the sidelines trying to determine whether pouch packaging will make canned or frozen foods obsolete.

There are high expectations that the pouch will have great consumer appeal. Current pouch food offerings are mostly main dish entrees, similar to those used by the military, and include Salisbury steak and veal scallopine.

The selection of main dishes is selling for less than \$2 in test markets like Atlanta, Phoenix, Ariz., and Seattle. ITT also has produced a line of "delf" items that appeal both to children and adults such as meatballs, sloppy joes, and steak with pepper and onions: all ready to be used as sandwich fillers.

One of the primary advantages that the pouch has over other food containers is its

ability to retain food's natural flavor without preservatives. The process for filling the pouch is similar to the canned food method but differs in the heating and sterilization stages. Because the pouch is so thin it requires much less cooking time during processing than foods in cans. Thus the food is cooked more evenly and the nuances of spices or other ingredients are maintained.

Most surprisingly, the pouch does not require refrigeration. It sits compactly on the shelf and heats in only five minutes compared to the much longer preparation time for frozen food. It can be heated in a microwave oven in less than two minutes.

"The retort pouch is fabulous and the wave of the future," said Richard Knel, director of marketing for ITT's Continental Kitchens in Rye, N.Y. "It will replace a given portion of the canned and frozen-food market because of its unique qualities. The food in pouches is more nutritional, with a better taste and flavor. There are also cost savings vs. frozen foods. There is no need for freezers, freezer trucks or refrigerated warehouses. The pouch weight is less than that of a can and it requires less shelf space."

It will take some doing for the pouch to just approach, let alone equal, the huge portions of food sales held by canned and frozen products. U.S. consumers spend more than \$8 billion on frozen products annually while approximately \$10 billion is spent on canned foods.

Design Improvements Necessary
Several factors are making the going slow. The machinery producing retort pouch products cannot increase its output without some significant design improvement.

"It is a new technology in terms of both food and packaging," said Stephan Kouzomis, new products manager for Kraft foods in Glenview, Ill. "The retort pouch assembly is not a piece of machinery that you can just install and start producing. It is like frozen food 50 years ago. They had to develop producing lines that could mass produce."

Another barrier to national distribution is a federal regulation that requires all pouches be stored for 24 days by the manufacturer once they are filled with food and sealed. The hold is a way of ensuring that the pouch seams remain sealed and that the food's safety is maintained. Food companies are hoping to have the 24-day holding requirement reduced within the next 18 months.

Consumer Promotion Necessary
The final drawback involves introducing a revolutionary packaging material to the consumer. Corporations will have to budget more advertising and promotion dollars than normally required for a new food product.

It is estimated that 115 million retort pouch products will be manufactured this year with between 80 million and 90 million being channeled into the military. One industry source predicts that by 1985 the production figures could be as high as 1 billion. Despite the large numbers, the retort pouch is still in its infancy because only 8 percent to 10 percent of all U.S. households are in the test markets.

As the food companies battle for a supremacy in the pouch food market, the U.S. army will be nervously hoping for their eventual financial success. If American consumers embrace pouch-packaged foods they will ensure that infantrymen all over Europe and the United States can savor a decent stroganoff — hot out of the pouch.

Sibson retains European title

Kayoes Minter in third round

WEMBLEY, England, Sept. 16 (AP) — Tony Sibson of Britain retained the European Middleweight Boxing Title with a third-round knockout of former world champion Alan Minter at Wembley arena Tuesday night.

Sibson, 23, decked Minter with a left hook midway through the third round of the all-British battle and then finished off the fight with a stunning right to the head.

Minter, seven years Sibson's senior, had dominated the first two rounds of the contest, jabbing almost at will. But the shorter, stocky champion took complete control from the bell at the start of the third.

Sibson, making his second defense since winning the title from Italian Matteo Salvemini, caught Minter with a left hook early on and kept up the pressure until he was able to land the two decisive blows.

The champion, a former sparring partner of Minter's and ranked No. 4 in the world by World Boxing Council, will now be hoping for a meeting with American Marvin Hagler, the current undisputed world champion.

"Tony put his heart and soul into it Tuesday night and will be looking for a world-title crack now," confirmed Sibson's manager, Sam Burns.

Minter, ranked No. 3 in the world, suffered his third straight defeat. He lost world title to Hagler in the same Wembley ring 12 months ago and then was beaten on points by U.S.-based Syrian Mustapha Hamsho in Las Vegas.

"Sibson hit me with a blinder of a punch," said the former world titlist. "I think it would have knocked out any fighter in the world." Minter had never before been knocked out.

Sibson said, "all the pre-fight talk was about Alan, but I was working hard in the gym. I felt my way on and picked my shots. I feel as if I can take on the world."

The contest was watched by a crowd of 10,000 and both fighters scaled 160 pounds (72.5 kgs), the middleweight limit.

Welshman Colin Jones, the British and Commonwealth Welterweight champion, defeated American Milton Seward in a supporting bout.

Seward, from Michigan, was led to his corner by the referee in the third round of a scheduled 10 rounder, unable to defend himself against Jones' attacks.



THE VICTOR: Tony Sibson raises his gloves in victory after knocking out former world champion Alan Minter in the third round to retain the European title at Wembley Tuesday.

All set for the Leonard-Hearns showdown

LAS VEGAS, Sept. 16 (AP) — After weeks of high-powered hype, Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns will fight in desert heat Wednesday night for the Universal Welterweight Championship.

Public interest is high — the scheduled 15-round bout will be the richest in boxing history. The promoters are talking about gross revenues of around \$40 million and net income of almost 30 million.

Leonard is getting at least \$8 million and could earn as much as 13 million. He also has an opportunity to polish his golden-boy image that first began to glitter when he won a gold medal in the 1976 Olympics.

Hearns will get about \$5 million and a

chance to step out from Leonard's shadow. "I want everything he has," says the 6-foot-1 (1.85 m) power puncher from Detroit. He is an even-money bet with bookmakers here to get Leonard's share of the welterweight championship and establish himself as a major fighter, but his fists can't guarantee him Leonard's celebrity status.

While a celebrity-studded crowd, paying up to \$500 a ticket, swelters for a chance to be

Sussex routs Yorkshire by 8 wickets

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — Sussex finished two points behind Nottinghamshire, who won the title Monday, when they beat Yorkshire by eight wickets on the last day of the 1981 English County Cricket Championship Tuesday.

In an impressive finish to the season, Sussex scored four victories in a row and won six of their last seven matches.

Needing 102 in 90 minutes plus 20 overs, Sussex raced to their target in just 48 minutes for the loss of openers Gehan Mendis and John Barclay. Earlier, Yorkshire, without injured opening batsmen Richard Lamb and Martin Moores, were dismissed for 198.

Surrey and Somerset both won exciting run-chases to close the season in fine style at the Oval and Taunton. Surrey triumphed over Essex by five wickets and Somerset beat Warwickshire by four wickets.

Surrey had been set 241 in 155 minutes and an opening stand of 72 in 45 minutes by Alan Butcher and Graeme Clinton set the mood. When the last 20 overs arrived, however, Surrey still required 111 with eight wickets left, but Butcher blazed on to his century in poor light.

With three balls left, Butcher was dropped, but he recovered to hit the winning boundary and finish on 154 not out — his highest of the season.

Earlier Keith Fletcher, England's new captain, had given himself the best possible pep for the tour of India, with an unbeaten century, following his first innings 72.

After the loss of a day and a half to win Warwickshire batted on to reach 375 for six before declaring against Somerset, weighing in with a brisk 65.

Somerset were left to score 376 in four hours — and they got home with 20 balls remaining. After the early loss of Jeremy Lloyds, Brian Rose and Viv Richards slammed 101 in 12 overs — the West Indies bat

scoring his 59 from only 39 balls. Rose and Peter Roebuck added 77 in 19 overs before Rose was out for 75. The inevitable Ian Botham — 56 in 55 balls with four sixes and four fours — maintained the tempo.

Brief scores: At Southampton; match drawn. Hampshire 305 in 93 overs, Northamptonshire 228 for two declared in 63 overs (R. Williams 103; G. Cook 106 not out), Hampshire four points Northamptonshire six.

At Derby: Derbyshire v Middlesex match drawn. Middlesex 372 for three declared and

152 for seven (W. Slack 68 not out). Middlesex five points, Derbyshire two.

At Bristol; match drawn. Gloucestershire 281 for nine in 101 overs and forfeited second innings. Leicestershire forfeited first innings and 177 for seven (R.W. Tokichard 51 not out), Gloucestershire three points, Leicestershire four.

At Taunton; Somerset beat Warwickshire by four wickets. Warwickshire 375 for six declared (A. Kallikharan 119; G. Humphreys 65) and forfeited second innings.

Baseball standings

National League				American League					
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	19	13	.594	—	Detroit	22	11	.647	—
Montreal	17	16	.515	2 1/2	New York	20	15	.571	2 1/2
Chicago	16	18	.471	4	Milwaukee	21	16	.568	2 1/2
New York	15	18	.455	4 1/2	Baltimore	19	15	.559	3
Pittsburgh	15	21	.417	6	Boston	18	15	.545	3 1/2
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	6	Toronto	17	17	.485	5 1/2
					Cleveland	17	19	.472	6
West					West				
Houston	22	13	.629	—	Kansas City	20	15	.571	—
Los Angeles	20	15	.571	2	Oakland	16	17	.485	3
Cincinnati	19	15	.559	3 1/2	Minnesota	17	19	.472	3 1/2
San Francisco	19	15	.559	3 1/2	Texas	15	18	.455	4
Atlanta	18	16	.529	3 1/2	Chicago	14	21	.400	6
San Diego	11	25	.306	11 1/2	Seattle	14	21	.400	6
					California	12	23	.344	8

Results: Pittsburgh 8, Chicago 2; Cincinnati 4, Houston 0; St. Louis 3-3, Montreal 2-4; Philadelphia at New York, postponed, rain; San Diego 8, Los Angeles 2.

Results: Detroit at Boston, postponed, rain; Toronto 4, Minnesota 2; Baltimore 7, Cleveland 6; Milwaukee 2, New York 1; Texas 12, Oakland 2, Kansas City 3, California 2; Seattle 8, Chicago 4.

East German lifter tops

LILLE, France, Sept. 16 (AP) — East Germany's Joachim Kunz won the lightweight title Tuesday night at the World Weightlifting Championships by hoisting 340 kg in two divisions.

Kunz, a 22-year-old who set world records this year in the snatch and clean and jerk, lifted 150 kg in the snatch and 190 kg in the clean and jerk to capture the title in the division for competitors weighing 67.5 kg or less.

Bulgaria's Mincho Pashov took the silver medal in the event, lifting a combined 330 kg in the two events.

Frenchman Daniel Senet captured the bronze medal. He had the best result in the snatch with a lift of 150 kg — the same as Kunz. The Frenchman, however, was granted the gold in that event because he weighed 20 grams less than Kunz. Senet lifted 170 kg in the clean and jerk for a total of 320 kg.

There were no world records broken. Kunz earlier this year set the world marks with lifts of 150.5 kg in the snatch, 196 kg in the clean and jerk for a record total of 345 kg — 5 kg less than his performance Tuesday night.

A total of 210 weightlifters from 47 countries are participating in the championships, which will conclude with the super-heavyweight division on Sunday.

The top 10 in the lightweight division: 1. Kunz, East Germany, 150.00 kg snatch, 8190

kg clean and jerk, 340 kg total;

2. Pashov, Bulgaria, 147.50, 182.5, 330;
3. Senet, France, 150, 170, 320;
4. Radtschinsky, West Germany, 137.5, 175, 312.5;
5. Docu, Romania, 140, 172.5, 312.5;
6. Zhao, China, 132.5, 165, 297.5;
7. Pialowski, Austria, 130, 157.5, 287.5;
8. Lespourdis, Greece, 127.5, 160, 287.5;
9. Schake, U.S., 130, 155, 285.

Pintor declared fit

NAGOYA Japan, Sept. 16 (AFP) — World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight champion Lupo Pintor of Mexico and Japanese challenger "Herricane" Teru were both pronounced physically fit Wednesday for their scheduled title fight here Sept. 22.

The pre-fight medical checkup was conducted at the Aichi Prefectural (state) General Health Center.

The title fight was originally set for Aug. 25 at Nagoya but has been postponed to Sept. 22 because the champion injured his right knuckle in his sixth defense of the crown against Jovito Reangio of Venezuela at Las Vegas, Nevada, July 26. The Mexican retained the title with an eight-round technical knockout. Pintor has a record of 42 wins, including 34 knockouts, four losses and one draw.

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Champions' Cup

Alan Kennedy to miss opener

LONDON, Sept. 16 (R) — Europe's soccer avatars roll off to new campaigns Wednesday but Alan Kennedy, hero of Liverpool's European Cup triumph last May, will be missing from the sidelines. Kennedy's career reached its zenith at the time in Paris, when his goal for the English players won the Cup against Real Madrid in Wednesday night in Finland, as his mates face Oulu Palloseura. Left back Kennedy finds himself merely looking on at the arrival of Irish international Mark Lawman, signed from Brighton for 900,000 (\$1.6 million), has relegated him to substitute's bench. Kennedy may yet console himself but a clutch of big goals will also be on the outside looking in on the first round of Europe's three competitions. West German Uli Stielike, played against Kennedy for Real's miss

the Spanish Club's UEFA match in Hungary against Trabancos through suspension. Brothers Bernd and Karl-Heinz Foerster, who, like Stielike, were in the West German squad which won the 1980 European Championship, are also banned and will sit out Stuttgart's UEFA clash with Hajduk Split in Yugoslavia.

Another West German, 1974 World Cup star Paul Breitner, will be missing from Bayern Munich Champions' Cup line-up against Oesters Vaerjo in Sweden after injuring a thigh muscle in a league match at the weekend.

Glasgow Celtic, hoping to repeat their 1967 European Cup triumph, will be weakened by the loss of Scotland's top scorer Frank McGarvey through suspension when they entertain Italian Cracks Juventus.

This match has all the ingredients of a classic, bringing together two managers who have already tasted success at the top. Celtic boss Billy McNeill captained the 1967 Celtic side, while Juventus' supremo Giovanni Trapattoni was a member of the triumphant 1962 A.N. Milan team. It promises to be a night of rare excitement, despite the absence of Kennedy and company.

Meanwhile, the California Surf of the North American Soccer League announced Tuesday that it is ceasing operations immediately.

The Surf is the second NASL franchise to fold since the regular season ended last month. Earlier, the Atlanta Chiefs informed league officials of their decision to close down.

A report out of Washington earlier Tuesday said that as many as five of the league's 21 teams will not return in 1982. Other teams in danger of closing down or moving to other locations, according to the sources in the league's offices in New York, are the Washington Diplomats, Jacksonville Tea Men and Dallas Tornados.

"Each of the league's teams is required to post a \$150,000 bond by midnight Tuesday indicating their ability to finance a team and faith in the league," NASL spokesman Vince Casey said Tuesday. "Without mentioning names it is safe to say the future of some teams is in doubt at this time."

Soccer results

English League Cup (Second leg)	
1 (2-1) Crewe	0
2 (5-7) Tranmere	3
3 (5-4) Burnley	1
4 (5-3) Reading	1
5 (3-0) Doncaster	1
6 (3-0) Bournemouth	0
7 (1-3) Colchester	1
8 (1-4) Lincoln	1
9 (3-2) Torquay	0
10 (5-4) Bolton	2
11 (2-1) Chester	0
12 (2-1) Halifax	4
13 (3-7) Huddersfield	0

Rotherham	2 (5-2) Darlington	1
Swindon	0 (2-5) Wykeham	2
Walsall	1 (1-3) Bristol City	0
Wimbledon	1 (1-3) Aldershot	3
York	1 (1-2) Sheffield United	1

Cup Winners' Cup			
Juventus	1	Velez Mostar	0
Parma	1	Vass	0

UEFA Cup			
Neuchatel Xamax	4	Sparta Prague	0
Valencia	1	Bohemians Prague	0
Aris	4	Silezia	0

Iraq crushes Singapore to make semifinals

JALALUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept. 16 — Iraq won a berth in the semifinals of the Kuala Lumpur Football Tournament defeating Korea 4-0 Wednesday. The Koreans, which had hopes of earning a fifth berth lost its chances when it drew 1-1 with Thailand. Japan, runner-up in Group B, will play the leader of Group A, Japan, Friday. Japan qualified for the semifinal early in the match. Another semifinal, also on Friday, will be between the Sao Paulo Selections of Brazil, runner-up of Group B, and India, runner-up in Group A.

In the 32nd minute when Hadil Ahmad collected a long pass from Felah Hassan and rammed it home. Ali Hussein made a solo run from midfield, dribbling through some defenders, before putting the ball in for Iraq's third goal in the 56th minute. Iraq made it 4-0 four minutes before the final whistle when Felah Hassan scored off a pass from Kerim Hadien. Meanwhile, Paulo's coach Mauro Vieira de Abreu said attacking midfielder Joao Luiz who injured his right knee in the match against Thailand two days ago is likely to be fit when his team meets India in the semifinals. He added "His injury is not that serious and I hope he will be fit for the important match."

Other than that, the Paulo players are in high spirits and just waiting anxiously for the match. Abreu said his players are put through some special training in preparation for the important match but refused to elaborate on it. Indian coach P. K. Banerjee said India will go all out when it meets the Sao Paulo team. He said his players respected the strength of the Brazilian team which according to him is the strongest team in the tournament this year. However, the agility of the Sao Paulo team will be hampered with the soaked field and Banerjee hoped that his players would make good use of the opportunity. India is now faced with three of its players injured — Campton Dutta received injury on his right shin, Gurcharan Singh Parmar on his right knee and Harjinder Singh on his right thigh.

BRIEFS

HICAGO, (R) — New York State Governor Hugh Carey has threatened to cancel a rugby match between the South and Springboks and a local side in the capital Albany next Tuesday if security is considered inadequate.

LONDON, (AFP) — The British-based Formula One Grand Prix team are set to be one of their major sponsors for next year, it was revealed here Wednesday. Sponsors, British car firm Leyland are all out for financial reasons after losing millions of pounds over the first half of this year. The Williams team, which boasts current world championship leader Carlos Roman of Argentina and title-holder Nelson Piquet of Australia are to retain their main sponsorship from Saudi Air.

MONTECARLO, Italy, (R) — The Soviet Union beat Czechoslovakia 99-58 (half 50-20) on the third day of the European Women's Basketball Championship Tuesday night.

ENGLAND, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Peter Oosterhuis ended a fitness scare by checking in at Walton Heath Tuesday ready for the Ryder Cup Golf battle against the United States starting here on Friday. Oosterhuis, the 33-year-old American-based British professional who has a tremendous cup record since his first match 10 years ago, was on the verge of pulling out of the European side on Sunday.

SAINT LAURENT DU PONT, France, (AFP) — Irish cycling pro Stephen Roche (Peugeot) Wednesday won the Tour of the Future's ninth stage, an individual time trial of 21.150 kms (13.3 miles) here. France's Pascal Simon (Peugeot) remained the overall leader.

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — South African boxing champion Gerrie Coetzee will fight American southpaw Randy Mack in Johannesburg on October 31.



BACK AGAIN: Last year's Tuesday League winners, Dania make a happy picture as they pose. But the defending champions began on an unimpressive note this season.

In Marathon bowling Close finish in the offing

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 — The Marathon bowling tourney at the Jeddah bowling center moved to the halfway stage Monday night as the thirty competitors completed eight of the sixteen frame competition and Praket Sutispong retained the lead he established after the first round Sutispong heads the table with 1512 pins, closely followed by Rene Banares (1482) and Art Sandan (1463). In fact less than one hundred pins separates the top six players—and this points to an exciting finale.

Orantes stretched

PALERMO, Sicily, Sept. 16 (AP) — Manuel Orantes of Spain had to struggle to get past Sweden's Jan Norback 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 in the quarterfinals of the \$75,000 Grand Prix Tennis tournament here Tuesday. In another match, Jaime Filliol of Chile defeated Gianluca Rinaldi of Italy 6-2, 6-3. Other results: Mario Martinez, Bolivia beat Zeljko Franulovic, Yugoslavia 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Corrado Barazzutti, Italy beat Ramiro Benavidez, Bolivia 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. In Tokyo, West Germany's Bettina Bunge, 18, came from behind to oust Barbara Hallinist of the United States 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 in the first round of the \$175,000 Silkook Women's Tennis tourney.

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Economic sights set too high - U.S. aide

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (R) — President Ronald Reagan's commerce secretary said today that the U.S. economy is doing well because of the sustained high rates this summer, but that earlier predictions for growth of about five percent were too optimistic.

Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said in a speech at the New York Business Council meeting at the Lake, New York.

"I am making an earlier prediction that the economy might not grow at all during the quarter of the year," Baldrige said. "It will take longer than expected to repair the damage caused by the previous government's expansionist policies. President Jimmy Carter's real pickup in the economy won't come until the end of next year's second quarter."

Some economists have voiced skepticism about the administration's growth forecast for next year, arguing that it is inconsistent with the efforts to slow money supply growth.

Some administration economists have expressed doubts privately, but Baldrige is the official to do so in public.

Meanwhile, some experts also point to growing anxiety in the business community over the White House's handling of the economy. Wall Street has retreated as higher budget deficits loomed. Investors fear continuing high interest due to the contradiction between the treasury's hunger for new money needs and the Federal Reserve Board's belt-tightening policy.

The high dollar should lead to sluggish exports, faster imports and payments problems. The current payments showed a small surplus last year. But a deficit of \$10 billion to \$20 billion is officially forecast for 1982, comparing with \$14 billion in 1977 and 1978.

Monetary experts think the dollar still has plenty of muscle, being fundamentally strong. The United States' business pace is still widely regarded with envy, they point out. They also feel sure that the necessary fine-tuning will shortly be adopted in the area of budget policy.

CP seeks talks with EEC

BRUSSELS, Sept. 16 (R) — A large group of Communist World countries is seeking a meeting with European Community ministers to air their views on Common Market aid policy, a Brussels minister said Wednesday.

The group includes the Communist Party of Cuba, the People's Republic of China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Soviet Union, and others.

told reporters here a number of issues were straining relations between the EEC and the 60 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries linked to it under the Lome trade and aid pact.

The ACP group was preparing a letter to British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, currently president of the EEC, asking him for a special ministerial session by the end of this year, Boolell said. The main problem was the two sides' failure to agree on a price for guaranteed sugar exports from the developing countries to the EEC, Boolell continued.

Greece finds gas in Ionian Sea

ATHENS, Sept. 16 (R) — A big offshore gas field has been discovered in the Ionian Sea by Greece's state-controlled Petroleum Enterprise (DEP), the company announced today.

The minister said the field, estimated at 100 billion cubic feet, was made off the town of Parga, in the western Peloponnese. The discovery confirmed the belief that the Ionian Sea was an oil-bearing area and of optimistic prospects for further discoveries.

In a separate development, the government signed an agreement with an Italian state-controlled company, Agip, providing for the joint and eventual exploitation of oil deposits in an area in the north of the Ionian Sea.

"Pumping of oil and natural gas from Greece's first and so far only field, off the Aegean island of Tassos, began today. The deposits in that area, discovered by a consortium of foreign oil companies, are estimated at eight million tons and 25 billion cubic feet of natural gas, meeting about 10 percent of Greece's annual requirements.

The Common Market offered them a price rise for 1981 on a par with prices paid in the EEC, up 7.5 percent from 1980 for raw sugar and 8.5 percent for refined. The ACP countries rejected the offer as discriminating against their sugar, almost all of which is exported raw.

EEC sources and diplomats voiced skepticism about the possibility of a special ministerial meeting. "It could develop into a rather unpleasant dialogue of the deaf," one source said. The ACP states are also seeking some form of additional grant to cover the cost of shipping sugar to Europe, which they say has rocketed in the past year.

Boolell said he met British Agriculture Minister Peter Walker in London Monday to press the ACP demands, but Walker insisted the EEC would not budge. The 14 Lome countries exporting sugar are losing millions of pounds as a result of the lower price, ACP sources said.

The developing states also want to discuss their request for the EEC to put more money into its "Stabex" scheme to stabilize export earnings. ACP demands were not covered this year for the first time following a drastic fall in home commodity prices.



WORLD PREMIERE: The new Renault 9 will be shown to the public for the first time at the Frankfurt Auto Show opening Thursday. The four-door sedan has a length of 4.06 meters and will be offered with engines ranging from 35kw/48PS to 53kw/72PS. The R 9 will do 161 km per hour in its fastest version and has front-wheel drive.

Frankfurt show opens German car industry looks up

FRANKFURT, Sept. 16 (AFP) — The West German motor industry is emerging from the recession, judging by figures from the industry's VDA Federation.

For the first time in more than a year, output of private cars is rising. In July and August it reached 424,900 units, one percent higher than in the same period last year.

However, production of commercial vehicles was five percent down at 47,600 units in July and August.

The VDA said manufacturers' orders were up in July and August compared with a year earlier. But it added that this encouraging trend was due to the holding of the bi-annual Frankfurt motor show. It was not certain that the new trend would last.

Moreover, although it gave no figures, the VDA said orders from abroad were slower than in previous months. Demand for commercial vehicles was sluggish.

In the first eight months of this year, 2,460,000 vehicles came off the assembly lines, a year-on-year drop of 6.3 percent. Of this total, some 2,250,000 were private cars (down 6.2 percent). During these eight months export shipments came to 1,300,000 units in all (down six percent).

The 10-day motor show opening here Thursday will be the largest in history. Some 1,500 firms from 40 nations are spread over an area the size of 28 football fields. A million or so visitors are expected at this cornucopia of new models and accessories.

Volkswagen has given its Polo and Derby models a facelift and is launching the Santana, a version of the Passat with a rear trunk. Daimler-Benz has a Mercedes coupe using one-fifth less fuel than its S-Class automobile. Porsche has its 944 doing 120 miles (200 km) per hour, with low consumption.

Renault unveils its R9 in 11 versions rated 1.1 liter or 1.4 liter. This car will be made in the U.S. in conjunction with American Motors.

Datsun of Japan is showing its new Stanza 1.6 liter front wheel drive. Toyota has the Celica Supra, a 2.8-liter car with a host of electronic refinements.

The Soviet Lada is launching the Niva California Rough-Rider aimed specifically at the West German market.

Looking to the future, Volkswagen, Audi-Nsu and Daimler-Benz have come up with an experimental car whose engine automatically cuts-out when the car is caught in a long traffic jam. If anything goes wrong with the car, a single lamp lights and a voice tells the driver what is wrong.

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Increasingly, animals were kept on fodder Dr. Subroto told his audience in Oxford, England. "These energy sources that are highly important for at least half of mankind have been shockingly neglected. Knowledge and techniques are available to redress this damage. What are missing are organization, finance and political will." "Surely we are capable of furnishing these ingredients?"

Dr. Subroto failed to rule out a quick turn around of the present depressed world crude oil market, in which a sharp slump in demand has led to a buyer revolt against the higher prices in OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries).

Dr. Subroto said oil demand fell 5.5 percent in 1980 and the trend continued this year. But he said that, while conservation and the transition to other fuels accounted for some of the decline, there were other less permanent factors causing the present oil glut, including recession. He also cited high interest rates. These are making it expensive for oil companies to store oil, leading them to run down stocks this autumn rather than, as usual, build them up ahead of the winter.

"The slump has generated expectations that perhaps we are not going to have any oil stringency in the foreseeable future — a view that the International Energy Agency has felt called upon to deplore," Dr. Subroto said. "Things could turn around quickly. Expectations can just as likely speed up a reversal in the oil market when prices and productions stabilize within OPEC," he added.

Dr. Subroto said economic revival in the West would add strength to the market. He noted that demand in 1980 fell by 2.76 million barrels per day (BPD). Of that, 400,000 BPD could be accounted for by a slump in petrol demand in the United States, where prices rose 45 percent because domestic oil prices were freed from controls.

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Sea Glory	Alsbah	Bagged Barley	"
Marie	O.C.E.	Coffee/Seeds	4.9.81
Cher Hsing	Abdallah	Contra/Steel/Cons. Mat.	12.9.81
Hoegh Cairn	A.E.T.	Contra/Coffee/Ref/General	15.9.81
Pelagos	M.T.A.	Containers	14.9.81
Kinpurme Universal	O.C.E.	Chicken	9.9.81
Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	10.9.81
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Sea Glory	Alsbah	Bagged Barley	"
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Marion	El Hawi	Contra/Steel Angl/Text/C. Goods	"
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London Commodities

Commodity	Wednesday	Thursday
Gold (\$ per ounce)	451.50	457.00
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	589.50	613.00
3 months	606.00	634.00
Copper cash	954.50	962.00
3 months	988.00	994.00
Tin cash	8240.00	8250.00
3 months	8257.00	8270.00
Lead cash	418.00	440.50
3 months	431.00	448.00
Zinc cash	515.00	526.00
3 months	532.00	540.50
Aluminum 3 months	641.00	646.00
3 months	669.00	673.50
Nickel cash	3045.00	3120.00
3 months	3135.00	3295.00
Sugar October	155.25	165.75
March	169.75	169.00
Coffee September	938.00	962.00
November	959.00	990.00
Cocoa September	1230.00	1250.00
December	1274.00	1301.00

Foreign Exchange Rates

Country	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	—	14.40
Belgian Franc (1,000)	89.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	285.00	—	285.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	146.00	146.80	146.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	132.00	132.70	132.65
Egyptian Pound	—	3.84	4.14
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	59.00	61.35	61.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	56.50	60.05
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.70
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Inchi Dinar	—	—	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.20	29.10
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.10	—	15.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.16	10.14
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.12	12.09
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	74.00	73.95
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	61.50	62.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.45
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.40
Saudi Riyal (100)	6.24	6.32	6.29
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	94.00	94.00
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.90
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	36.15	36.10
Swiss Franc (100)	171.00	172.00	171.90
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.25	63.35
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.42	3.43	34.25
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.50	74.90

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Financial Roundup Interest rate fall hits dollar

JEDDAH, Sept. 16 — Dollar deposit rates continued to fall to new low levels on Wednesday in Europe following more cuts in both prime and broker loan rates by major U.S. commercial banks.

On the local markets, rial deposit rates followed suit, with banks quoting the one-month rate between 12½ and 12¾ percent Wednesday compared to 14½ and 14¾ percent Tuesday, long-term rial deposit rates remained firm.

The actions of such banks as Chemical, Manufacturers Hanover and Chase Manhattan in lowering their prime lending rates to 20 percent caused Eurodollar deposit rates to ease in both the New York and European money markets. While one-year dollar rates were quoted at 17 3/16 — 17 5/16 percent, the shorter tenors were quoted at 15 11/16 — 15 13/16 percent. The seemingly large drop from 17½ percent levels for the one-month compared to Tuesday levels was due to dealing for value Friday. As Oct. comes nearer, this anomaly will soon cease with funds being handled for same day value. The action of the Federal Reserve Board in not seemingly to object to a "Fed funds" rate of 15½ percent being reached, also seemed to convince waverers that the Fed was indeed abandoning for the time being its policy of higher interest rates. This could be reversed, however, if the coming Friday money supply figures prove to show again that money supply is not yet controlled.

The British pound gained more than 1½

cents on the exchange markets, to trade at 1.8460 Wednesday. Higher short-term U.K. interest rates were partly instrumental in achieving this, but the markets seemed relieved that Mrs. Thatcher was still strongly pursuing her tight monetary and fiscal policies. The French franc lost some ground over New York closing rates of 5.5750 to trade at 5.5930. The German currency also did likewise, closing in New York at 2.3280 and trading at 2.33 levels, but the markets observed very little Bundesbank intervention support. The yen was quite stable at 227.40 levels, while the Swiss franc continued to be a source of capital inflow into Switzerland after the hikes in Swiss discount rates.

Locally, rial rates came down sharply in the short tenors. Some bankers were complaining that they could not unload week-fixed rial deposit rates even at 6 percent — this compares to nearer 12-13 percent only a few days ago. The one month JIBOR rates were quoted at 12½ — 13½ percent on opening but fell back to 12½ — 12¾ percent by close of business. One-year rates remained firmer at 15 — 15½ percent levels. On the exchange markets, spot rial dollar rates were little changed from the weak level of 3.4180-90 lev-15.

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce)

London	450.50
Paris	519.41
Frankfurt	450.97
Zurich	448.50
Hong Kong	499.92

Britons face 'winter of discontent'

LONDON, Sept. 16 (AP) — Labor leaders Wednesday threatened a winter of industrial strife in angry rejection to a government target of 4-percent pay increases in the coming year for more than four million public sector workers.

Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of the 800,000-strong National and Local Government Officers' Association, said the 4-percent target announced by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government Tuesday was "completely unacceptable."

"It is the first major step toward possible confrontation this winter," said Alan Fisher, secretary of the 700,000-strong National Union of Public Employees. Alistair Graham,

deputy general secretary of the 223,800-strong Civil and Public Services Association, said: "It really does look as if the government is declaring war on trade unions."

"This is a certain formula for bitter unrest next winter," said civil service spokesman Alan Williams of the opposition Labor Party. The guidelines affect civil servants, the armed forces, health service workers, police, municipal workers and employees of state-run industries.

The government, fighting to bring down inflation currently at 10.9 percent a year, said four percent was an overall target. It said some pay hikes might be more, some less. The average industrial wage in Britain is £125 (\$230) a week.

U.S. eyes trade policy with Russia

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP) — The administration of President Ronald Reagan told Congress Wednesday it is re-evaluating U.S. trade policy to cut off military goods and technology to the Soviets.

"Intelligence shows that Western help has definitely helped the Soviets upgrade their military establishment," Assistant Secretary of Commerce Lawrence J. Brady told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"We have substantial information that we

have helped them significantly in the 1970s and it is that that we have to prevent in the 1980s."

Brady said: "A re-evaluation of U.S. trade policy" is underway for the 1980s, but did not list specific kinds of U.S. sales that might be cut off to the Soviet and the Eastern bloc.

Under Secretary of State Myer Rashish told the committee the administration is trying to develop a balanced policy for denying military goods to the Soviets but expanding non-military trade.

Union leader raps Mitterrand plan

PARIS, Sept. 16 (AFP) — The head of the French employers Association CNPF Wednesday declared that the Socialist government's plans for the economy lack coherence and are "far from inspiring the necessary confidence for moving forward."

He added that the grim side of the Socialist programs was their commitment to a break with the market economy. This was out of

line with the technical decisions made to improve the positions of small-and medium-size enterprises, he said.

He lashed out at Socialists' determination to nationalize major industrial groups and banks. Such efforts were "useless, costly and dangerous" and bring "no solution to the problem of unemployment and international competitiveness," he said.

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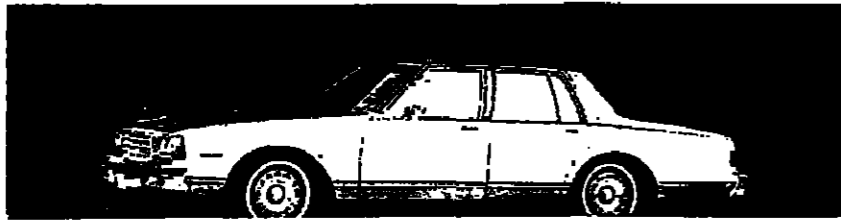
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U.S. to rush F-16s

India studying Pakistan offer

NEW DELHI, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — India Wednesday reacted cautiously to Pakistan's offer for talks on mutual security concerns and its proposed no-war pact. The statement made by the (Pakistan) official spokesman is under study, an Indian spokesman told reporters. He refused to elaborate or answer questions.

Tuesday, Pakistan announced it has accepted a \$3 billion package of economic aid and military credits from the United States and told India that it was prepared to enter talks on "non-aggression" guarantees.

In a statement, the Pakistan Foreign Office added that the arms supply, which has been bitterly opposed by India, was partially meant to replace obsolete defense equipment. The two neighbors have fought three wars since they became independent in 1947. The low-key Indian response contrasted with earlier negative reaction to similar Pakistan suggestions from New Delhi. India has said that Pakistan should instead

concentrate on implementing the Simla agreement. That accord formally ended the 1971 Indo-Pakistan War which led to Bangladesh's independence and also called for close trade, economic and cultural relations.

Meanwhile, State Department officials said in Washington Tuesday that the Netherlands, Denmark and Belgium are expected to agree to a "slight delay" in delivery of F-16 fighter jets they have ordered from the United States so that sales of the plane to other countries — notably Pakistan — can be speeded up.

Pakistan is set to receive a package of U.S. arms including 36 F-16s under an agreement signed last June. But manufacturers of the plane in the United States, as well as in the Netherlands and Belgium, which co-produce the plane with the Americans, are unable to meet the delivery deadline.

An informed State Department source said that the slowdown in delivery of the planes to the European countries would make it poss-

ible to deliver several F-16s to Pakistan next year. Normal delivery time is three to four years. State Department spokesman Dean Fischer stressed that all the planes to be sold to Pakistan would be built in the United States, adding: "The sale is a bilateral matter."

President Zia-ul-Haq has repeatedly stressed that F-16 fighter planes were a "vital necessity." He told the U.S. magazine *Weekly News* Monday that the speed with which the United States delivers the promised F-16 fighter planes to Pakistan will constitute a "test of U.S. credibility."

The aid proposals will be put before Congress as required by American legal procedure. However, "we have been greatly reassured by the fact that the U.S. administration fully understands our essential concerns and that there is a genuine desire to build a new relationship between our two countries on the basis of trust, mutual respect and sovereign equality," a Pakistani statement said in Islamabad Tuesday.

The statement reiterated that Pakistani acceptance of the U.S. package did not affect its commitments as a member of the Islamic Conference and the nonaligned movement and its "well-known position on major international issues" on which the foreign policy has consistently maintained a principled stand. Similarly, "the development of bilateral relations with the United States will not affect our relationships with any third country," it added.

On Pakistan's relations with India, the statement reaffirmed that there would be no "weakening of our efforts to develop a relationship of mutual trust and confidence with this important neighboring country." "The modest quantity of arms that we may acquire during the next five years is solely meant to achieve partial replacement of obsolete defense equipment, it went on. "All we propose to do is to acquire a minimum defense capability to ensure the security of Pakistan in the context of the regional situation which is far from reassuring."



WAR GAMES: Tank crews of the West German 5th Panzer Division paddle a pontoon Tuesday in a dry exercise during certain encounter maneuvers, part of Allied Autumn Forge war games. The soldiers were to cross a small river in Hesse.

Bonn seeks delay in deployment of missiles

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — West Germany did ask Washington to delay deployment of 108 Euromissiles on its territory until April 1984, a Bonn government spokesman told *The Washington Post* in an interview published Wednesday.

Kurt Becker, the Bonn government's official spokesman, told the newspaper that West Germany did not want to be the only continental country to deploy the missiles by the original December 1983 target date. Political and technical snags have delayed deployment in other countries.

Becker's statement confirms earlier reports from military sources here and contradict statements made by Secretary of State Alexander Haig during his recent visit to Bonn. The original North Atlantic Treaty Organization plan called for deployment, beginning in December 1983, of 108 Pershing-2 missiles, with a 1,800-km range, in West Germany, and 464 Cruise missiles, with a 2,400-km range, in Britain, Italy, West Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

The West German request would place it on the same time scheduled as Italy, which has pushed deployment back four months for technical reasons. The Dutch and Belgian governments, facing strong domestic opposition to deployment, have put off their final decisions until next year. Only Britain is following the original NATO plan.

Meanwhile, the United States hopes to start talks with the Soviet Union on limiting European-based medium-range nuclear missiles in late November or early December, senior U.S. officials said in Brussels Wednesday.

NATO diplomats met in Brussels to discuss the U.S. negotiating stance and U.S. officials said afterward that they were pleased with the West European response to Washington's proposals. West European governments, beset by growing public opposition to the nuclear arms build-up, have been pressing the United States to resume negotiations with the Soviet Union on arms reduction for sometime.

But President Reagan's administration has made clear that it is prepared to do so only on a realistic basis, taking all aspects of existing and planned nuclear armaments into account.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko are due to discuss when and where to open the missile negotiations when they meet at the United Nations in New York next Wednesday.

Talks begin on coalition in Norway

OSLO, Sept. 16 (R) — Norway's liberal abortion policy is likely to be a key issue in talks on the formation of a center-right coalition government by the Conservative, Center and Christian People's parties, political sources said. The parties together won an overall majority in parliament in Monday's general elections, effectively ending the rule of the minority Labor government of Norway's first woman prime minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland.

Final results Tuesday night showed the Conservative Party won 54 seats in the 155-member parliament, the Center (Agrarian) Party 11 and the Christian People's Party 15, giving the potential coalition a total of 80 members. Labor is still the largest single party in parliament with 65 seats.

Conservative leader Kaare Willoch, an economist aged 53, began formal talks Wednesday on a center-right coalition after informal meetings Tuesday. Political sources said its formation hung on the issue of abortion. The Christian People's Party said last week it would only join a coalition if the new government agreed in advance to tighten Norway's liberal abortion law.

But the party's leader, Kaare Kristiansen, said later he favored joining a coalition and would work in the long term for a change in the law. The party lost seven seats in the election and political analysts said many fundamentalist Christians in the West appeared to have boycotted the polls in protest against Kristiansen's softening of the party's line on abortion.

But an opinion poll earlier this year showed less than one-third of the voters favored a change in the liberal law and Willoch has said he will not make abortion a cabinet issue.

IRA sympathizer ends 39-day fast

SYDNET, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Eamonn O'Connor, reportedly the first person outside Northern Ireland to stage a prolonged hunger strike to support the demands of Irish Republican prisoners, ended his protest here Wednesday after 39 days without food, the Irish National Association reported.

O'Connor agreed to end his fast on advice from family members and friends, the Irish National Association said. The decision came after his mother and sister arrived here from Ireland. Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser had asked O'Connor to end his protest, following a meeting of the ruling Liberal Party.

Foreign Affairs Minister Tony Street also met with Irish National Association members to restate Fraser's view that Australia should not become involved in the dispute between Irish Republican prisoners and the British government.



Conservative leader Kaare Willoch

After eating deadly mushroom Doctor tests own antidote

GENEVA, Sept. 16 (AFP) — A French doctor, Pierre Bastien, was Wednesday said to be in satisfactory condition 24 hours after he deliberately swallowed 62 grams (two ounces) of a deadly poisonous toadstool against which there is no known antidote — except his own, he hopes.

Dr. Bastien, a general practitioner, has claimed for years that he had invented an antidote capable of curing those who mistakenly eat the toadstool known as "amanite phalloide" (fool's mushroom). It kills an average of 20 persons annually in France alone. There is no known antidote anywhere in the world to the symptoms which start with fever and vomiting and then lead to a coma. Death is certain in four or five days.

Tragically, entire families are wiped out by the meal. Bastien has twice experimented with his antidote in France, but his colleagues have always been skeptical and have never accepted it. He came to Geneva to give a public demonstration of his life-saving invention.

Tuesday, at the Swiss TV studios here, he sat down to eat a plateful of mushrooms which contained 10 different poisons, six of them fatal. Dr. Andre Monthoux, on the staff of the local botanical gardens, formally warned Bastien not to go ahead with his experiment, but to no avail.

At present Bastien is being given his own antidote by Dr. Michel Dumont, director of a French anti-poison center, who told newsmen Wednesday that his patient was "in a satisfactory condition" despite bad vomiting throughout the night.

Bastien did not vomit in his two previous experiments. Because of the vomiting, he has been given an intravenous drip feed. Meanwhile, regular blood tests have shown that a problem is building up because a large number of clots are forming.

Afghans avoid army recall

NEW DELHI, Sept. 16 (Agencies) — Many young men in Kabul have gone underground to avoid a new call-up order by the Afghan authorities, Western diplomatic sources said here Wednesday.

Radio Kabul announced at the beginning of the month that people under 35 who had served in the army but who were discharged before October 1978 would be called up to serve an extra year.

Visitors to government ministers in Kabul reported many ex-servicemen were missing from their offices and at one Western Embassy in Kabul all Afghan employees and contract laborers who would be subject to the recall asked to be paid off and had disappeared, the sources said.

The call-up provoked demonstrations in Kabul in which two girl students were reported killed when police opened fire. Sporadic demonstrations continued throughout last week, the sources said. The Communist authorities hope boost the strength of the Afghan Army, which has dwindled through defections from 80,000 to 30,000. They later exempted teachers and other categories of workers from the call-up.

At the United Nations, meanwhile, Pakistan accused Afghanistan Tuesday of "deliberate violations of Pakistan airspace and territory." "If such acts continue to be repeated, there could be consequences for which the authorities in Afghanistan alone would be responsible," Pakistani Ambassador Niaz A. Naik added in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim circulated as a document of the Security Council and General Assembly.

Since April 1978, he wrote, "62 violations of Pakistan's territory and 371 violations of its airspace have taken place from Afghanistan," many of them "resulting in loss of life and damage to property."

Giving two examples, Naik said that on Sept. 5, two Afghan MiG-17 planes strafed

and rocketed a border post in Baluchistan and later dropped four bombs in the same area, injuring civilians, and that on Sept. 7, 40 Afghan soldiers searched houses in a village in Baluchistan, leaving only when they saw Pakistan border forces coming.

The International Committee of the Red Cross is awaiting replies from the Soviet Union and Pakistan on its proposal to transfer two Soviet soldiers captured by Afghan resistance fighters to a neutral country for internment, an ICRC spokesman said in Geneva Wednesday.

The proposal by the all-Swiss humanitarian body is part of the services offered by it under the Geneva conventions. Spokesman Jean-Jacques Kurz said internment would have to be in a country "considered by everybody as neutral."

Madrid police placed on alert

MADRID, Sept. 16 (AFP) — Police were placed on full alert Wednesday following the suspected appearance here of a commando of the military wing of the Basque separatist movement ETA, informed sources said. The city is being patrolled by helicopters, police, civil guards and special units of the anti-terrorist squad.

They are looking for ETA's so-called Madrid Commando, which in May attacked the chief of the personal military staff of King Juan Carlos, and killed three soldiers in his escort. Since then ETA has undertaken no major actions, but its current presence in Madrid coincides with the reopening of parliament.

Last week Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson confirmed government fears of a major new ETA offensive. Saturday two civil guards were wounded in the Basque Guipuzcoa province in a terrorist attack.

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